

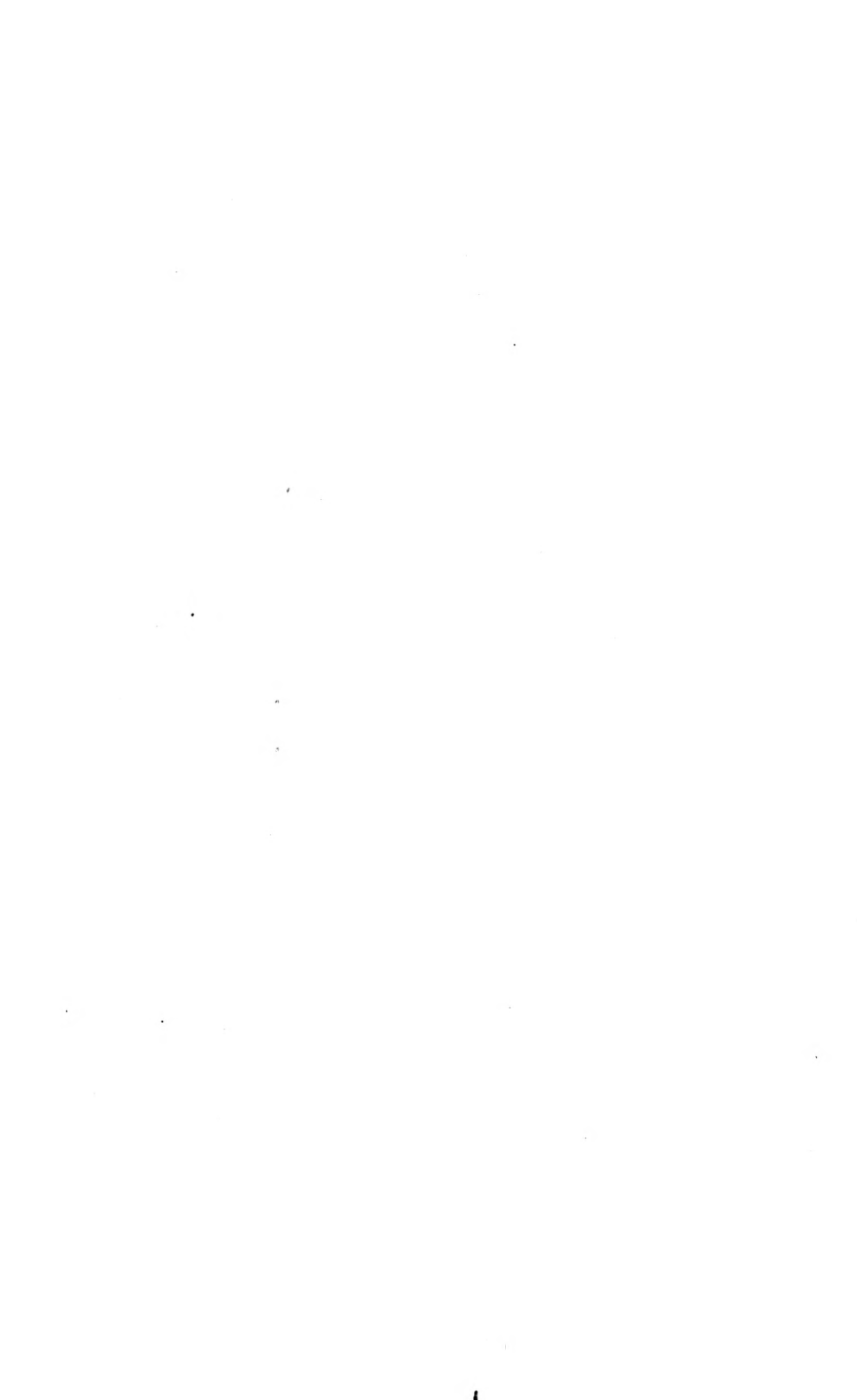
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THE
BOOK OF JOSHUA.

- I. 1 Now it came to pass after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, 2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, unto you have I given it, as I spake unto Moses. 4 From the wilderness, and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border. 5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 6 Be strong and of good courage: for thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land which I swore unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left,

¹ Or, *deal wisely.*

to the end thou mayest ¹have good success whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, to the end thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt ¹have good success. 9 Have not I commanded thee, Be strong and of good courage? be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 11 Pass through the midst of the camp, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

12 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, 13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God giveth you rest, and hath given you this land. 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall abide in the land which Moses gave you beyond Jordan; but ye shall pass over before your brethren ²harnessed, all the mighty men of valour, and shall help them; 15 until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and possess it, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond Jordan toward the sun-rising. 16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou hast commanded us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.

² Or, *marshalled, or, girded.*

17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. 18 Whosoever he be that shall rebel against thy commandment, and shall not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of good courage.

- II. 1 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men as spies secretly, saying, Go view the land, and Jericho. And they went, and came into the house of an harlot whose name was Rahab, and lay there. 2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search the land. 3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are come into thine house: for they be come to search all the land. 4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them; and she said, Yea, the men came unto me, but I know not whence they were: 5 and at the time of the shutting of the gate, when it was dark, the men went out: whither the men went I know not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them. 6 But she had brought them up to the roof, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. 7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate. 8 And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; 9 and she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. 10 For we have heard how

the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea before you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, unto Sihon and to Og, whom ye devoted. 11 And as soon as we had heard, our heart did melt, neither did there remain any more spirit in any man, before you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and on earth beneath. 12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have dealt kindly with you, that ye also will deal kindly with my father's house, and will give me a true token: 13 and that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and will deliver our lives from death. 14 And the men said unto her, 'Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD giveth us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee. 15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall. 16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers light upon you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way. 17 And the men said unto her, We will be guiltless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear. 18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt gather unto thee into the house thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household. 19 And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whoso-

ever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him. 20 But if thou utter this our business, then we will be guiltless of thine oath which thou hast made us swear. 21 And she said, According unto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window. 22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not. 23 And the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun; and they told him all that had befallen them. 24 And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; and moreover all the inhabitants of the land do melt away before us.

III. 1 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and they journeyed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel; and they lodged there before they passed over. 2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the midst of the camp; 3 and they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall journey from your place, and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore.

5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you. 6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the

covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. 8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the waters of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

9 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God. 10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Hivite, and the Perizzite, and the Gircashite, and the Amorite, and the Jebusite. 11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan. 12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, for every tribe a man. 13 And it shall come to pass, when the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off, even the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand in one heap. 14 And it came to pass, when the people journeyed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests that bare the ark of the covenant before the people; 15 and when they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brink of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) 16 that the waters which came down from above stood and

rose up in one heap a great way off, ¹at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan : and those that went down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, were wholly cut off : and the people passed over right against Jericho. 17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all Israel passed over on dry ground, until all the nation had done passing over Jordan.

¹ Another reading is, *from.*

IV. 1 And it came to pass, when all the nation had done passing over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, 2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, 3 and command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and lay them down in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man : 5 and Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and ~~take~~ you up every man ~~of you~~ a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel : 6 that this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask in time to come, saying, What mean these stones unto you ? 7 then ye shall say unto them, Because the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD ; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off : and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever. 8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD

spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; and they carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. 9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day. 10 And the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hastened and passed over. 11 And it came to pass, when all the people had done passing over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people. 12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, passed over ¹harnessed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them: 13 about forty thousand armed for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.

¹ See i. 14.

14 On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, 16 Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan. 17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan. 18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry ground, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and went over all his banks, as aforetime. 19 And the people came up out of Jordan on

the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the uttermost part of the east of Jericho. 20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua set up in Gilgal. 21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? 22 then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. 23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were passed over: 24 that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye may fear the LORD your God for ever.

V. 1 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were beyond Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard how that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until ¹we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, before the children of Israel.

¹ Another reading is, *they*.

2 At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee knives of flint, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time. 3 And Joshua made him knives of flint, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of foreskins. 4 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came forth out of Egypt. 5 For all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, they had

not circumcised. 6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the nation, even the men of war which came forth out of Egypt, were consumed, because they hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not let them see the land which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. 7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them did Joshua circumcise: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. 8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the nation, that they abode in their place in the camp, till they were whole.

9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of that place was called Gilgal unto this day. 10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal; and they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. 11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes and parched corn, in that selfsame day. 12 And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

^a Or, prince. 14 And he said, Nay; but as ¹captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua

fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What will my lord speak unto his servant? 15 And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Put off thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so. 1 Now Jericho ¹was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

¹ Heb. *shut*
the gates and
was shut in.

2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. 3 And ye shall compass the city, all the men of war, going about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear seven jubile trumpets before the ark: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. 5 And it shall be, that when they make a long blast with the jubile horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down ²flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him. 6 And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven jubile trumpets before the ark of the LORD. 7 And ³they said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD. 8 And it was so, that when Joshua had spoken unto the people, the seven priests bearing the seven jubile trumpets before the LORD passed on, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. 9 And the armed men went before the priests ⁴that blew the trumpets, and the rereward went after

² Heb. *in its*
place.

³ Another
reading is, *he.*

⁴ Another
reading is, *they*
blew.

the ark, blowing with the trumpets as they went. 10 And Joshua commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. 11 ¹ So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

¹ Or, *So he carried the ark of the LORD round the city.*

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And the seven priests bearing the seven jubile trumpets before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; and the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, blowing with the trumpets as they went.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days. 15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early ² at the dawning of the day, and compassed the city

² Another reading is, *about.*

after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times. 16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that the priests blew with the trumpets, and Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city. 17 And the city shall be devoted, even it, and all that is therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. 18 And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the devoted thing, lest ye become devoted, when ye take of the devoted thing, and make the camp of Israel a devoted thing, and trouble it. 19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are holy unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

20 And the people shouted, and they blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down ¹flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. 21 And they devoted all that was in the city, both man and woman, both young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword. 22 And unto the two men that had spied out the land Joshua said, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her. 23 And the young men the spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had, and all her ²kindred they brought out; and they set them without the camp of Israel. 24 But the city they burnt with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. 25 And Rahab the harlot, and her father's household, and all that she had, did Joshua save alive; and she dwelt in the midst of Israel, unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 And Joshua made oath at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: at the price of his firstborn shall he lay the foundation thereof, and at the price of his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it.

VII. 27 So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land. 1 But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the devoted thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah,

¹ Heb. in its place.

² Heb. families.

(cod.)

took of the devoted thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and spy out the land. And the men went up and spied out Ai. 3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; make not all the people to toil thither; for they are but few. 4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai. 5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: and they chased them *from* before the gate even unto Shebarim, and smote them ¹at the going down: and the heart of the people melted, and became as water. 6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust upon their heads. 7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to cause us to perish? would that we had been content, and dwelt beyond Jordan! 8 Oh Lord, what shall I say, after that Israel hath turned the back before their enemies! 9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear, and shall compass us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do for thy great name?

10 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore art thou thus fallen upon thy face? 11 Israel hath sinned, yea they have transgressed my covenant which I commanded

¹ Or, *in*
Morad.

them : yea they have also taken of the devoted thing ; yea they have stolen, yea they have dissembled also ; yea they have put it among their own stuff. 12 Therefore the children of Israel cannot stand before their enemies, they turn the back before their enemies, because they are become devoted : I will not be with you any more, except ye destroy the devoted thing from among you. 13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow : for thus saith the LORD the God of Israel, There is a devoted thing in the midst of thee, O Israel : thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the devoted thing from among you. 14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought near by your tribes : and it shall be, that the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come near by families ; and the family which the LORD shall take shall come near by households ; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come near man by man. 15 And it shall be, that he that is taken with the devoted thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath : because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel near by their tribes ; and the tribe of Judah was taken : 17 and he brought near the family of Judah ; and he took the family of the Zarhites : and he brought near the family of the Zarhites man by man ; and Zabdi was taken : 18 and he brought near his household man by man ; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. 19 And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give glory now unto the LORD the God of Israel, and make con-

fession unto him ; and tell me now what thou hast done ; hide it not from me. 20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Verily¹ I have sinned against the LORD the God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done : 21 when I saw among the spoil one goodly robe of Shinar, and two hundred shekels of silver, and one wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them ; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it. 22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent ; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it. 23 And they took them from the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel ; and they poured them out before the LORD. 24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the robe, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had : and they brought them up unto the valley of Achor. 25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us ? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones : so they burned them with fire, and stoned them with stones. 26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day ; and the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of¹ Achor, unto this day.

¹ That is,
Trouble.

VIII. 1 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed : take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai : see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land : 2 and thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst

unto Jericho and her king : only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves : set thee an ambush for the city behind it. 3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up to Ai : and Joshua chose out thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valour, and sent them forth by night. 4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city : go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready : 5 and I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city : and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them, 6 and they will come out after us, till we have drawn them away from the city ; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first ; so we will flee before them : 7 and ye shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city : for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand. 8 And it shall be, when ye have seized upon the city, that ye shall set the city on fire ; according to the word of the LORD shall ye do : see, I have commanded you. 9 And Joshua sent them forth : and they went to the ambushment, and abode between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai : but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

11 And all the people, the *people of* war that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai : and the valley was between them and Ai. 12 And he took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Bethel

¹ Another reading is, *Ai*.

Or, *place*.

³ Another reading is, *Ai*.

and Ai, on the west side of ¹the city. 13 And the people set all the camp that was on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city; and Joshua went that night into the midst of the vale. 14 And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at the ²time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that there was an ambush against him behind the city. 15 And Joshua and all Israel were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. 16 And all the people that were in ³the city were gathered together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. 17 And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

⁴ Heb. *hands*.

18 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that was in his hand toward the city. 19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and entered into the city, and took it; and they hasted and set the city on fire. 20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no ⁴power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers. 21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai. 22 And the other came forth out

of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape. 23 And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua. 24 And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they pursued them, and they were all fallen by the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all Israel returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword. 25 And so it was, that all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai. 26 For Joshua drew not back his hand, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had devoted all the inhabitants of Ai. 27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which he commanded Joshua. 28 So Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, even a desolation, unto this day. 29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until the eventide: and at the going down of the sun Joshua commanded, and they took his carcase down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raised thereon a great heap of stones, unto this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD the God of Israel in mount Ebal, 31 as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, upon which no man had lift up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace-offerings. 32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the

law of Moses, which he wrote, in the presence of the children of Israel. 33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as the homeborn; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded, that they should bless the people of Israel, at the first. 34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that walked among them.

IX. 1 And it came to pass, when all the kings which were beyond Jordan, in the hill country, and in the lowland, and on all the shore of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof; 2 that they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

3 And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai, 4 they also did work wilily, and went and ¹made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and bottles of wine, old, and rent, and bound up; 5 and old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and had become mouldy. 6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at

¹ Another reading is, *took them provision*. See ver. 12.

Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a covenant with us. 7 And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a covenant with you? 8 And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye? 9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt, 10 and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth. 11 And our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take provision in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: and now make ye a covenant with us. 12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and is become mouldy: 13 and these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey. 14 And the men took of their provision, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD. 15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them. 16 And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them. 17 And the children of Israel!

journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim. 18 And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD the God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes. 19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD the God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them. 20 This we will do to them, and let them live; lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we swore unto them. 21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live: so they became hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had spoken unto them. 22 And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us? 23 Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall not¹ fail to be of you bondmen, both hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God. 24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing. 25 And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as is good and right in thine eyes to do unto us, do. 26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not. 27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar

¹ Heb. *be cut off from you.*

of the LORD, unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

- X. 1 Now it came to pass, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had devoted it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them; 2 that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty. 3 Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4 Come up unto me, and help me, and let us smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel. 5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped against Gibeon, and made war against it. 6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the hill country are gathered together against us. 7 So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

8 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hands; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, he went up from Gilgal all the night. 10 And

the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and he smote them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. 11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, while they were in the going down of Beth-horon, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died : they were more which died with the hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel ; and he said in the sight of Israel,

¹ Heb. *be silent.*

Sun, ¹stand thou still upon Gibeon ;

And thou, Moon, in the valley of Aijalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, Until the nation had avenged themselves of their enemies.

² Or, *The upright.*

Is not this written in the book of ²Jashar ? And the sun stayed in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. 14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man : for the LORD fought for Israel.

15 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal. 16 And these five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. 17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah. 18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones unto the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them : 19 but stay not ye, pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them ; suffer them not to enter into their cities : for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand. 20 And it came

to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of smiting them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, and the remnant which remained of them had entered into the fenced cities, 21 that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none whetted his tongue against any of the children of Israel. 22 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring forth those five kings unto me out of the cave. 23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon. 24 And it came to pass, when they brought forth those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the chiefs of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. 25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. 26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and put them to death, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening. 27 And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had hidden themselves, and laid great stones on the mouth of the cave, unto this very day.

28 And Joshua took Makkedah on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof; he devoted them, and all the souls that were therein, he left none remaining:

and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho.

29 And Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah: 30 and the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining in it; and he did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.

31 And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it: 32 and the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, and he took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 And Joshua passed from Lachish, and all Israel with him, unto Eglon; and they encamped against it, and fought against it: 35 and they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein he devoted that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it: 37 and they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but he devoted it, and all the souls that were therein.

38 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it: 39 and

he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and devoted all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; and as he had done to Libnah, and to the king thereof.

40 So Joshua smote all the land, the hill country, and the South, and the lowland, and the slopes, and all their kings; he left none remaining: and he devoted all that breathed, as the LORD the God of Israel commanded.

41 And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon.

42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD the God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

XI. 1 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor heard thereof, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, 2 and to the kings that were on the north, in the hill country, and in the plain south of Chinneroth, and in the lowland, and in the heights of Dor on the west, 3 to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the hill country, and the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpah. 4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. 5 And all these kings assembled themselves, and they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel.

6 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not

afraid because of them : for to morrow about this time will I deliver up all of them slain before Israel : thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire. 7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, and fell upon them. 8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, and they smote them, and chased them unto ¹ Zidon-rabbah, and unto ² Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward ; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. 9 And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him : he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 And Joshua turned back at that time, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword : for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms. 11 And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, devoting them : there was not any left that breathed : and he burnt Hazor with fire. 12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and he smote them with the edge of the sword, and devoted them ; as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded. 13 But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only ; that did Joshua burn. 14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves ; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any that breathed. 15 As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua ; and so did Joshua, ³ he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses. 16 So Joshua

¹ Or, *great Zidon*.

² As otherwise read, *Misrephoth westward*.

³ Heb. *he removed nothing*.

took all that land, the hill country, and all the South, and all the land of Goshen, and the lowland, and the plain, and the hill country of Israel, and the lowland of the same; 17 from ¹the smooth mountain, that goeth up to Seir, ¹ Or, mount *Halak.* even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and put them to death. 18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. 19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: they took all in battle. 20 For it was of the LORD to strengthen their heart, to come against Israel in battle, that he might devote them, that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

21 And Joshua came at that time and cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Israel: Joshua devoted them with their cities. 22 There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, they remained. 23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD spake unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land had rest from war.

XII. 1 Now these are the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land beyond Jordan toward the sunrising, from the river Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the plain eastward: 2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is by the brink of the river Arnon, and the middle of the river, and half Gilead,

even unto the river Jabbok, the border of the children of Ammon; 3 and the plain unto the sea of Chinneroth, eastward, and unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, eastward, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and ¹on the south, under the slopes of Pisgah: 4 and the border of Og king of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, 5 and ruled in mount Hermon, and in Salchah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites, and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon. 6 Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel smote them: and Moses the servant of the LORD gave it for a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

7 And these are the kings of the land which Joshua and the children of Israel smote beyond Jordan westward, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even unto ²the smooth mountain, that goeth up to Seir; and Joshua gave it unto the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions; 8 in the hill country, and in the lowland, and in the plain, and in the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the South; the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 9 the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one; 10 the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; 11 the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; 12 the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; 13 the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; 14 the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; 15 the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; 16 the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Beth-el,

¹ Or, from Teman.

² See xi. 17.

one; 17 the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hephher, one; 18 the king of Aphek, one; the king of ¹Sharon, one; 19 the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; 20 the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; 21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; 22 the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam, of Carmel, one; 23 the king of Dor, of the height of Dor, one; the king of Goiim, of Gilgal, one; 24 the king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

¹Or, ~~Sharon~~
Lasharon.

XIII. 1 Now Joshua was old, well stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old, well stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. 2 This is the land that yet remaineth: all the regions of the Philistines, and all the Geshurites, 3 ²from Shihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the border of Ekron northward, *which* is counted to the Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdodites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the *Ayim*: 4 on the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongeth to the Zidonians, unto Aphek, to the border of the Amorites: 5 and the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon unto the entering in of Hamath. 6 All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto ³Misrephoth-maim, even all the Zidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only allot thou it unto Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee. 7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh. 8 With him the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond

² Jer. ii. 18.

³ See xi. 8.

Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them ; 9 from Aroer, that is by the brink of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the river, and all the level country of Medeba unto Dibon ; 10 and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon ; 11 and Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan unto Salchah ; 12 all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei ; he was left of the remnant of the Rephaim ; Moses smote them, and drave them out. 13 Nevertheless the children of Israel drave not out the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites : but Geshur and Maachath dwelt in the midst of Israel, unto this day. 14 Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance ; the fire-sacrifices of the LORD the God of Israel are his inheritance, as he spake unto him.

15 And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben according to their families. 16 And their border was from Aroer, that is by the brink of the river Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the river, and all the level country by Medeba ; 17 Heshbon, and all her cities that are in the level country ; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon, 18 and Jahzah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath, 19 and Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zereth-shahar in the mount of the valley, 20 and Beth-peor, and the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth, 21 and all the cities of the level country, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the chiefs of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the princes of Sihon, that

dwelt in the land. 22 Balaam also the son of Beor, the ¹soothsayer, did the children of Israel ¹Or, *diviner*. slay with the sword among the rest of their slain. 23 And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border *thereof*. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben according to their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

24 And Moses gave unto the tribe of Gad, unto the children of Gad according to their families. 25 And their border was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto Aroer that is before Rabbah ; 26 and from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim ; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir ; 27 and in the valley, Beth-haram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and the border *thereof*, unto the uttermost part of the sea of Chinnereth beyond Jordan eastward. 28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad according to their families, the cities, and the villages thereof.

29 And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the half tribe of Manasseh : and it was for the half tribe of the children of Manasseh according to their families. 30 And their border was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, threescore cities : 31 and half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were for the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, even for the half of the children of Machir according to their families. 32 These are the inheritances which Moses distributed in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan of Jericho, eastward. 33 But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave none inheritance : the

LORD the God of Israel is their inheritance, as he spake unto them.

XIV. 1 And these are the inheritances which the children of Israel took in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed unto them, 2 by the lot of their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half tribe. 3 For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half tribe beyond Jordan : but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them. 4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim : and they gave no portion unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance. 5 As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

6 Then the children of Judah drew nigh unto Joshua in Gilgal : and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD spake unto Moses the man of God concerning me and concerning thee in Kadesh-barnea. 7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land ; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart. 8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt : but I wholly followed the LORD my God. 9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy foot hath trodden shall be an inheritance to thee and to thy children for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God. 10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he spake, these

forty and five years, from the time that the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness : and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. 11 As yet I am this day as strong as in the day that Moses sent me : as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, and for going out, and for coming in. 12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day ; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakim were there, and cities great and fenced : it may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out, as the LORD spake. 13 And Joshua blessed him ; and he gave Hebron unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. 14 Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD the God of Israel. 15 Now the name of Hebron beforetime was Kirjath-arba ; *which Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.* And the land had rest from war.

- XV. 1 And the lot for the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families was to the border of Edom, the wilderness of Zin, southward, at the uttermost part of the south. 2 And their south border was from the uttermost part of the salt sea, from the ¹bay that looked southward : 3 and it went out southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and went up by the south of Kadesh-barnea, and passed along by Hezron, and went up to Addar, and turned about to Karka : 4 and it passed along to Azmon, and went out at the brook of Egypt ; and the goings out of the border were at the sea : this shall be your south border. 5 And the east border was the salt

¹ Heb. *tongue*.

sea, even unto the uttermost part of Jordan. And the border of the north quarter was from the ¹bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan: 6 and the border went up to Beth-hoglah, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben: 7 and the border went up to Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that is over against the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south side of the river: and the border passed along to the waters of En-shemesh, and the goings out thereof were at En-rogel: 8 and the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the side of the Jebusite southward; the same is Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the uttermost part of the vale of Rephaim northward: 9 and the border was drawn from the top of the mountain unto the well of the waters of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, the same is Kirjath-jearim: 10 and the border turned about from Baalah westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim northward, the same is Chesalon, and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed along by Timnah: 11 and the border went out unto the side of Ekron northward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out at Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea. 12 And the west border was to the great sea, and the border *thereof*. This is the border of the children of Judah round about according to their families. 13 And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a portion

among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, even Kirjath-arba, ~~which Arba was~~ *the city of* the father of Anak, the same is Hebron. 14 And Caleb drove out thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak. 15 And he went up thence against the inhabitants of Debir: now the name of Debir beforetime was Kirjath-sepher. 16 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achisah my daughter to wife. 17 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achisah his daughter to wife. 18 And it came to pass, when she came *unto him*, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted down from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou? 19 And she said, Give me a blessing; for that thou hast ¹given me a south land, give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.

¹ Or, *set me in the land of the South.*

20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families. 21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the border of Edom in the South were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur, 22 and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, 23 and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan, 24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth, 25 and Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, Hezron, the same is Hazor, 26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah, 27 and Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-pelet, 28 and Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Bizjothjah, 29 Baalah, and Iim, and Ezem, 30 and Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hornah, 31 and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah, 32 and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain,

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and Rimmon: all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages.

33 In the lowland, Eshtaol, and Zorah, and Ashnah, 34 and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam, 35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah, 36 and Shaaraim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages.

37 Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad, 38 and Dilan, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel, 39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon, 40 and Cabbon, and Lahmas, and Chithlish, 41 and Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makedah; sixteen cities with their villages.

42 Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan, 43 and Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib, 44 and Keilah, and Achizib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages. 72?

¹ Heb. *daughters*.

45 Ekron, with her ¹towns and her villages: 46 from Ekron even unto the sea, all that were by the side of Ashdod, with their villages.

47 Ashdod, her towns and her villages, Gaza, her towns and her villages, unto the brook of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border *thereof*.

48 And in the hill country, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh, 49 and Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah, the same is Debir, 50 and Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim, 51 and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages.

52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eshan, 53 and Janim, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah, 54 and Humtah, and Kirjath-arba, the same is Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages.

55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Jutah, 56 and Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,

57 Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages.

58 Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor, 59 and Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages.

60 Kirjath-baal, the same is Kirjath-jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages.

61 In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah, 62 and Nibshan, and the city of salt, and En-gedi; six cities with their villages.

63 And as for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwelt with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

XVI. 1 And the lot for the children of Joseph went out from ~~the~~ Jordan of Jericho, unto the waters of Jericho eastward, even the wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill country to Bethel, 2 and it went out from Bethel to Luz, and passed along unto the border of the Archite to Ataroth, 3 and it went down westward to the border of the Japhletite, unto the border of Beth-horon the nether, even unto Gezer: and the goings out thereof were at the sea. 4 And the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance. 5 And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was *thus*: even the border of their inheritance eastward was Atroth-addar, unto Beth-horon the upper; 6 and the border went out westward at Michmethath on the north; and the border turned about eastward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed along it on the east to Janoah; 7 and it went down from Janoah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and reached unto Jericho, and went out at Jordan. 8 From Tappuah the border went out westward at the brook of Kanah; and the goings out thereof were

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at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim according to their families ; 9 and the cities which were separated for the children of Ephraim among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. 10 And they drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwelt in the midst of Ephraim unto this day, and served under tribute.

XVII. 1 And the lot was for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn of Joseph; *to-wit*, for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead; because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. 2 And *the lot* was for the rest of the children of Manasseh according to their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hephher, and for the children of Shemida: these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families. 3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren. Therefore according to the commandment of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father. 5 And there fell ten ¹parts to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond Jordan; 6 because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the land of Gilead belonged unto the rest of the

¹ Heb. *lines*.

sons of Manasseh. 7 And the border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethath, which is before Shechem; and the border went along to the right hand, unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah. 8 The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh: but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim. 9 And the border went down unto the brook of Kanah, southward of the brook: these cities belonged to Ephraim among the cities of Manasseh: and the border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook, and the goings out thereof were at the sea: 10 southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea was his border; and they reached to Asher on the north, and to Issachar on the east. 11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher
 7 Beth-shean and her ¹towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, even the three ²heights. 12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. 13 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one ³part for an inheritance, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as hitherto the LORD hath blessed me? 15 And Joshua said unto them, If thou be a great people, get thee up to the forest, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim; since ~~mount~~ Ephraim is too narrow for thee.

¹ Heb. *daughters*.

² See xi. 2, xii. 23.

³ Heb. *line*.

¹ Heb. *is not found of us.*

16 And the children of Joseph said, The mountain ¹is not within our reach: for all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, to wit, they who are in Bethshean and her towns, and they who are in the valley of Jezreel. 17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot only: 18 but the mountain shall be thine, for it is a forest; and thou shalt cut it down, and the goings out thereof shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they be strong.

XVIII. 1 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled themselves together at Shiloh, and set up the Tent of Meeting there: and the land was subdued before them. 2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, to whom they had not divided their inheritance. 3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go in to possess the land, which the LORD the God of your fathers hath given you? 4 Take for yourselves three men for each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall arise, and walk through the land, and describe it according to their inheritance; and they shall come unto me. 5 And they shall divide it into seven portions: Judah shall abide in his border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their border on the north. 6 And ye shall describe the land into seven portions, and bring *the description* hither to me: and I will cast lots for you here before the LORD our God. 7 For the Levites have no portion among you; for the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of

Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them. 8 And the men arose, and went: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, and I will here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh. 9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven portions in a book, and they came to Joshua unto the camp at Shiloh. 10 And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

11 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the border of their lot went out between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. 12 And their border on the north quarter was from Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the hill country westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven. 13 And the border passed along from thence to Luz, to the side of Luz, the same is Bethel, southward; and the border went down to Atroth-addar, near the mountain that lieth on the south of Beth-horon the nether. 14 And the border was drawn and turned about on the west quarter southward, from the hill that lieth before Beth-horon southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-baal, the same is Kirjath-jearim, a city of the children of Judah: this was the west quarter. 15 And the south quarter was from the uttermost part of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out westward, and went out to the well of the waters

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^a of Nephtoah: 16 and the border went down to the uttermost part of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is in the vale of Rephaim northward; and it went down to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite southward, and went down to En-rogel, 17 and it was drawn on the north, and went out at En-shemesh, and went out to Geliloth, which is over against the ascent of Adummim; and it went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben, 18 and it passed along to the side over against the ¹Arabah northward, and went down unto the Arabah: 19 and the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward: and the goings out of the border were at the ²bay of the salt sea northward, at the end of Jordan southward: this was the south border. 20 And Jordan was the border of it on the east quarter. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the borders thereof round about, according to their families. 21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz, 22 and Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Bethel, 23 and Avvim, and Parah, and Ophrah, 24 and Chephar-ammonai, and Ophni, and Geba; twelve cities with their villages: 25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth, 26 and Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah, 27 and Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah, 28 and Zelah, Eleph, and the Jebusite, the same is Jerusalem, Gibeath, and Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

XIX. 1 And the second lot went out for Simeon, for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was in

¹ ch. xv. 6.
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² Heb. tongue.

the midst of the inheritance of the children of Judah. 2 And they had for their inheritance Beer-sheba, and Sheba, and Moladah, 3 and Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Ezem, 4 and Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah, 5 and Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah, 6 and Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhem; thirteen cities with their villages: 7 Ain, Rimmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities with their villages: 8 and all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the South. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. 9 Out of the ¹part of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the portion of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had inheritance in the midst of their inheritance.

¹ Heb. line.

10 And the third lot ~~went~~ ^{came} up for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid: 11 and their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbesheth; and it reached to the brook that is before Jokneam; 12 and it turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chisloth-tabor; and it went out to Daberath, and went up to Japhia, 13 and from thence it passed along eastward to Gath-hepher, to Eth-kazin; and it went out to Rimmon which is ~~drawn~~ ^{drawn} unto Neah; 14 and the border turned about it on the north to Hannathon: and the goings out thereof were at the valley of Jiphtah-el; 15 and Kattath, and Nahalal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages. 16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

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17 The fourth lot went out for Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families. 18 And their border was unto Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, 19 and Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath, 20 and Rabbith, and Kishion, and Ebez, 21 and Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez; 22 and the border reached to Tabor, and Shahazumah, and Beth-shemesh; and the goings out of their border were at Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. 23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities with their villages.

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24 And the fifth lot went out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families. 25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph, 26 and Allammelech, and Amad, and Mishal; and it reached to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-libnath; 27 and it turned toward the sunrising to Beth-dagon, and reached to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphtah-el northward to Beth-emek and Neiel; and it went out to Cabul on the left hand, 28 and Ebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even unto ¹Zidon-rabbah; 29 and the border turned to Ramah, and to the fenced city of Tyre; and the border turned to Hosah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea from ²the coast to Achzib: 30 Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages. 31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

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32 The sixth lot went out to the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali according to their families. 33 And their border was from Heleph, from the oak in Zaanannim,

and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum; and the goings out thereof were at Jordan: 34 and the border turned westward to Aznoth-tabor, and went out from thence to Hukkok; and it reached to Zebulun on the south, and reached to Asher on the west, and to Judah, at Jordan toward the sunrising. 35 And the fenced cities were Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth, 36 and Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor, 37 and Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor, 38 and Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages. 39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages.

40 The seventh lot went out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families. 41 And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh, 42 and Shaalabbin, and Aijalon, and Jithlah, 43 and Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron, 44 and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath, 45 and Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon, 46 and Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border over against Japho. 47 And the border of the children of Dan went out from them: ~~and~~ the children of Dan went up and fought against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father. 48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 So they made an end of distributing the land for inheritance by the borders thereof; and the children of Israel gave an inheritance to

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Joshua the son of Nun in the midst of them: 50 according to the commandment of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

51 These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the Tent of Meeting. So they made an end of dividing the land.

XX. 1 And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, 2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Assign you the cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses: 3 that the manslayer that killeth any person unwittingly and unawares may flee thither: and they shall be unto you for a refuge from the avenger of blood. 4 And he shall flee unto one of those cities, and stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city; and they shall ¹take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, and he shall dwell among them. 5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver up the manslayer into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unawares, and hated him not beforetime. 6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, *and* until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the manslayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled. 7 And they sanctified Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba,

¹ Heb. *gather*.

the same is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah 8 And beyond the Jordan of Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness in the level country out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. 9 These were the appointed cities for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth any person unwittingly might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

XXI. 1 Then came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel; 2 and they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle. 3 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, according to the commandment of the LORD, these cities with their suburbs.

4 And the lot went out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, which were of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of the Simeonites, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5 And the rest of the children of Kohath had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

6 And the children of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of

Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

7 The children of Merari according to their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

8 And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses. 9 And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are mentioned by name: 10 and they were for the children of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, which were of the children of Levi: for theirs was the first lot. 11 And they gave them Kirjath-arba, *which Arba was* the father of ¹Anok, the same is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it. 12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

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13 And they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer; and Libnah with her suburbs, 14 and Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs, 15 and Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs, 16 and Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, Beth-shemesh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs, 18 Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs; four cities. 19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 And the families of the children of Ko-

hath, the Levites, even the rest of the children of Kohath, they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. 21 And they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in the hill country of Ephraim, the city of refuge for the manslayer; and Gezer with her suburbs, 22 and Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs; four cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her suburbs, 24 Aijalon with her suburbs, Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; four cities. 25 And out of the half of the tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; two cities. 26 All the cities of the families of the rest of the children of Kohath were ten with their suburbs.

27 And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the half tribe of Manasseh *they gave* Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer; and Beeshterah with her suburbs; two cities.

28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs, 29 Jarmuth with her suburbs, En-gannim with her suburbs; four cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs, 31 Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities.

32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer; and Hammoth-dor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities. 33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

34 And unto the families of the children of

Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs, 35 Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities.

¹ Verses 36, 37
are not in the
Masoretic text.

¹[36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs, 37 Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs; four cities.]

38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs, 39 Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all. 40 All the cities of the children of Merari according to their families, even the rest of the families of the Levites, their lot was twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the children of Israel were forty and eight cities with their suburbs. 42 These cities are every one with their suburbs round about them: thus were all these cities. 43 And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. 44 And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 There failed not aught of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

XXII. 1 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh: 2 and he said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have hearkened unto my voice in all that I commanded you: 3 ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but

have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God. 4 And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he spake unto them : therefore now turn ye, and get you unto your tents, unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond Jordan. 5 Only take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. 6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away : and they went unto their tents.

7 Now to the half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given *possession* in Bashan : and unto the *other* half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren beyond Jordan westward. Moreover when Joshua sent them away unto their tents, then he blessed them; 8 and he spake unto them, saying, Return with much wealth unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.

9 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go unto the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses. 10 And when they came unto the region round about Jordan, that is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan,

a great altar to look upon. 11 And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar in front of the land of Canaan, in the region round about Jordan, on the side of the children of Israel. 12 And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up against them to war.

13 And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest. 14 And with him ten princes, each one a prince of a fathers' house, for all the tribes of Israel; and each one was an head of his fathers' house among the thousands of Israel.

15 And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying,

16 Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in building you an altar, so that ye rebel this day against the LORD?

17 Is it a small thing for us, the iniquity of Peor, from which we have not cleansed ourselves until this day, although the plague was in the congregation of the LORD,

18 and ye must needs turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, seeing ye rebel to day against the LORD, that to morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel. 19 And yet, if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the

LORD's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us : but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar besides the altar of the LORD our God. 20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the devoted thing, and there was wrath upon all the congregation of Israel ? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21 Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and spake unto the heads of the thousands of Israel, 22 The LORD the God of gods, the LORD the God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know ; if it be in rebellion, or if in trespass against the LORD, (save us not this day,) 23 ~~that we have built~~ us an altar, to turn away from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt-offering or meal-offering, or if to offer sacrifices of peace-offerings thereon, the LORD he shall require it ; 24 and if we have not *rather* out of carefulness done this of purpose, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD the God of Israel ? 25 For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad ; ye have no portion in the LORD : so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD. 26 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us the altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice : 27 but it is a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we may do the service of the LORD before him with our burnt-offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace-offerings ; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no portion in the LORD. 28 Therefore said we, that it shall

be, when they so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice; but it is a witness between us and you. 29 Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt-offering, for meal-offering, or for sacrifice, besides the altar of the LORD our God that is before his tabernacle.

30 And Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, even the heads of the thousands of Israel which were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, and it was good in their eyes. 31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we know that the LORD is in the midst of us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD: so then ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD. 32 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. 33 And the thing was good in the eyes of the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and no more spake of going up against them to war, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and the children of Gad dwelt. 34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad gave a name to the altar: for, it is a witness between us that the LORD is God.

XXIII. 1 And it came to pass after many days, after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, and Joshua was old, well stricken in years; 2 that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and he said unto them, I am old, well stricken in years: 3 and ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God, he it is that hath fought for you. 4 Behold, I have allotted unto you these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward. 5 And the LORD your God, he shall thrust them out from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God spake unto you. 6 Therefore be ye very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left; 7 that ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor ~~make oath by~~ *make oath by* them, neither serve them, nor bow down yourselves unto them: 8 but cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day. 9 For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath stood before you unto this day. 10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he spake unto you. 11 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God. 12 Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these

nations, even these that remain among you, and make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: 13 know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive these nations from out of your sight; but they shall be a snare and a trap unto you, and a scourge in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. 14 And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your heart and in all your soul, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, not one thing hath failed thereof. 15 And it shall come to pass, that as all the good things are come upon you, of which the LORD your God spake unto you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all the evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. 16 When ye transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

XXIV. 1 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD the God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt of old time beyond the River, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor: and they served other gods. 3 And I took your father

Abraham from beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. 4 And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau : and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it ; and Jacob and his sons went down into Egypt. 5 And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them : and afterward I brought you out. 6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt : and ye came unto the sea ; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and with horsemen unto the Red sea. 7 And when they cried out unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them ; and your eyes have seen what I did in Egypt : and ye dwelt in the wilderness many days. 8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt beyond Jordan ; and they fought with you : and I gave them into your hand, and ye possessed their land ; and I destroyed them from before you. 9 Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel ; and he sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you : 10 but I would not hearken unto Balaam ; therefore he blessed you still : so I delivered you out of his hand. 11 And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho : and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite ; and I delivered them into your hand. 12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites ; not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. 13 And I gave you a land wherein thou didst not labour, and cities which

ye built not, and ye dwell therein ; of vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth : and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt ; and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve ; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell : but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods ; 17 for the LORD our God, he it is that brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the peoples through the midst of whom we passed : 18 and the LORD drave out from before us all the peoples, and the Amorites which dwelt in the land : therefore we also will serve the LORD ; for he is our God.

19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD : for he is an holy God ; he is a jealous God ; he will not forgive your transgression nor your sins. 20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you evil, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. 21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay ; but we will serve the LORD. 22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. 23 Now therefore put away, *said he*, the strange gods

which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD the God of Israel. 24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and unto his voice will we hearken. 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. 26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a great stone, and set it up there under the oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness against you, lest ye deny your God. 28 So Joshua sent the people away, every man unto his inheritance.

29 And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old. 30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash. 31 And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, and had known all the work of the LORD, that he had wrought for Israel. 32 And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in the parcel of ground ¹which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of money: and they became the inheritance of the children of Joseph. 33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in the hill of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

¹ Gen. xxxiii.
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THE
BOOK OF JUDGES.

- I. 1 AND it came to pass after the death of Joshua, that the children of Israel asked of the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us first against the Canaanites, to fight against them? 2 And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. 3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him. 4 And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they smote of them in Bezek ten thousand men. 5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they smote the Canaanites and the Perizzites. 6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. 7 And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, ¹gathered *their meat* under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there. 8 And the children of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and took it, and smote it with the

¹ Heb.
gleaned.

edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. 9 And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites that dwelt in the hill country, and in the South, and in the lowland. 10 And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron : (now the name of Hebron beforetime was Kirjath-arba :) and they smote Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai. 11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir : (now the name of Debir beforetime was Kirjath-sepher :) 12 and Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. 13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it : and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. 14 And it came to pass, when she came *unto him*, that she moved him to ask of her father the field : and she lighted down from off her ass ; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou ? 15 And she said unto him, Give me a blessing : for that thou hast ¹given me a south land, give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

¹ Or, *set me in the land of the South.*

16 And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father in law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which is in the south of Arad ; and they went and dwelt with the people. 17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they smote the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and devoted it. And the name of the city was called Hormah. 18 Also Judah took Gaza with the border thereof, and Askelon with the border thereof, and Ekron with the border thereof. 19 And the LORD was with Judah ; and he drave out *the inhabitants of* the hill country ; for he could not drive out the inhabitants of the

valley, because they had chariots of iron. 20 And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses had spoken : and he drave out thence the three sons of Anak. 21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem ; but the Jebusites dwelt with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

22 And the house of Joseph also, they went up against Bethel : and the LORD was with them. 23 And the house of Joseph sent to descry Bethel. (Now the name of the city beforetime was Luz.) 24 And the watchers saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will deal kindly with thee. 25 And he shewed them the entrance into the city, and they smote the city with the edge of the sword ; but they let the man go and all his family. 26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz : which is the name thereof unto this day.

27 But Manasseh did not drive out *the inhabitants* of Beth-shean and her ¹towns, nor of Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns : but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. 28 And it came to pass, when Israel was waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

29 And Ephraim drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer ; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

30 Zebulun drave not out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol ; but the

¹ Heb. *daughters*.

Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributary.

31 Asher drave not out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob: 32 but the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

33 Naphtali drave not out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became tributary unto them. 34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley: 35 but the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalvim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph ¹prevailed, so that they became tributary. 36 And the border of the Amorites was from the ascent of Akkrabbim, from ²the rock, and upward.

¹ Heb. *was*
hearty.

² Or, *Sela*.

³ Or, *a messenger*.

II. 1 And ³the angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, I made

you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. 2 And ye shall make no covenant with

the inhabitants of this land; ye shall break down their altars; but ye have not hearkened unto my voice: why have ye done this? 3

Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be ⁴a scourge in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. 4 And it came to pass, when the

angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5 And they called the

⁴ See Josh.
xiii. 13.

¹ That is,
Weepers.

name of that place ¹Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

6 Now when Joshua had sent the people away, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. 7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the LORD, that he had wrought for Israel. 8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old. 9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash. 10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the work which he had wrought for Israel.

11 And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baalim: 12 and they forsook the LORD the God of their fathers, which brought them up out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the peoples that were round about them, and bowed down themselves unto them: and they provoked the LORD to anger. 13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. 14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. 15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had spoken, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were sore distressed.

16 Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which saved them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. 17 And yet they hearkened not unto their judges, for they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed down themselves unto them: they turned aside quickly out of the way wherein their fathers walked, obeying the commandments of the LORD; *but* they did not so. 18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and saved them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groaning by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them. 19 But it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they turned back, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; ¹they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way. 20 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel; and he said, Because this nation hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; 21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died: 22 that through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not. 23 So the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

¹ Heb. they
let nothing
fall of their.

III. 1 Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel through them, even as many as had not known all the wars of Canaan; 2 only ²that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them

² Or. that the
generations
might know

war, at the least such as beforetime knew nothing thereof; 3 *namely*, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Zidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering in of Hamath. 4 And they were *there* to prove Israel through them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. 5 And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites; the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 6 and they took their daughters unto them to wife, and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

7 And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served the Baalim and ¹the Asheroth. 8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of Aram-naharaim: and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years. 9 And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a saviour to the children of Israel, who saved them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. 10 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel; and he went out to war, and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of Aram into his hand: and his hand was strong against Chushan-rishathaim. 11 And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

12 And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab

¹ Ex. xxxiv.

^{13.}
Deut. xvi. 21.

against Israel, because they had done that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. 13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek; and he went and smote Israel, and they possessed the city of palm trees. 14 And the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. 15 And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a saviour, Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a man ¹left-handed: and the children of Israel sent a gift by him unto Eglon the king of Moab. 16 And Ehud made him a sword which had two edges, ~~of~~ a cubit length; and he girded it under his raiment upon his right thigh. 17 And he presented the gift unto Eglon king of Moab: now Eglon was a very fat man. 18 And when he had made an end to present the gift, he sent away the people that bare the gift. 19 But he himself turned back from the ²quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. 20 And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in ³his summer parlour, by himself alone. And Ehud said, I have an errand from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat. 21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: 22 and the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the sword out of his belly; and ⁴the dirt came out. 23 Then Ehud went forth into the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them. 24 When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet

¹ Heb. *shut of his right hand*, ch. xx. 16.

² Or, *graven images*.

³ Heb. *a parlour of cooling*.

⁴ Or, *it came out at the fundament*.

in his summer chamber. 25 And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took the key, and opened *them*: and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth. 26 And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the ¹quarries, and escaped unto Seirah. 27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he before them. 28 And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of the Jordan by Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over. 29 And they smote of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, every lusty man, and every man of valour; and there escaped not a man. 30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.

31 And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which smote of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also saved Israel.

IV. 1 And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead. 2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the ²Gentiles. 3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

¹ Or, *graven images*.

² Or, *nations*.

5 And she ~~sat~~ under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. 6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD the God of Israel commanded, *saying*, Go and draw out toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? 7 And I will draw out unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand. 8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, I will not go. 9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 And Barak called together Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and there went up ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him. 11 Now Heber the Kenite had severed himself from ¹the Kenites, from the children of Hobab the brother in law of Moses; and he pitched his tent as far as the oak of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh. 12 And they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor. 13 And Sisera called together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the ²Gentiles unto the river Kishon. 14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak

¹ Heb. *Kain*,
Num. xxiv.
22.

² Or, *nations*.

went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him. 15 And the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet. 16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the ¹Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; there was not a man left. 17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. 18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And he turned in unto her into the tent, and she covered him with a ²mantle. 19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened the bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. 20 And he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and inquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No. 21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a tent-pin, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the pin into his temples, and ³it pierced through into the ground: for he was in a deep sleep and weary; so he died. 22 And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And he came unto her, and behold, Sisera lay dead, with the pin in his temples. 23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. 24 And the hand of the children of Israel prevailed more and more against Jabin the king

¹ Or, *nations*.

² Or, *rug*, or, *blanket*.

³ Or, *fastened it*.

of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

- V. 1 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

2 ¹For that the leaders led in Israel,
For that the people willingly offered themselves,

¹ Or, *For the mighty avenging.*

Bless ye the LORD.

3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes;
I will sing, even I, unto the LORD;
I will sing praise to the LORD the God of Israel.

4 LORD, when thou wentest forth out of Seir,
When thou marchedst out of the field of Edom,

The earth trembled, the heavens also dropped,

Yea, the clouds dropped water.

5 The mountains ²flowed down at the presence of the LORD,

² Or, *quaked.*

Even that Sinai at the presence of the LORD the God of Israel.

6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath,
In the days of Jael, the highways ceased,
And the travellers walked through ³byways.

³ Heb. *crooked ways.*

7 ⁴The rulers ceased in Israel, they ceased,
Until that I Deborah arose,
That I arose a mother in Israel.

⁴ Or, *The villages.*

8 They chose new gods;

Then was war in the gates:

Was there a shield seen or a spear

Among forty thousand in Israel?

9 My heart is toward the lawgivers of Israel,

⁵Toward them that offered themselves willingly among the people:

⁵ Or, *Ye that offered yourselves willingly among the people, bless, &c.*

Bless ye the LORD.

10 ⁶Speak, ye that ride on white asses,

⁶ Or, *Meditate.*

Ye that sit on rich carpets,

And ye that walk by the way.

- 11 Far from the noise of archers, in the places
of drawing water,
There shall they rehearse the righteous acts
of the LORD,

¹ Or, toward
his villages.

Even the righteous acts ¹ of his rule in
Israel:

Then the people of the LORD went down to
the gates.

- 12 Awake, awake, Deborah:
Awake, awake, utter a song:
Arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive,
thou son of Abinoam.

² Or, he made
him that re-
maineth have
dominion over
the nobles.

- 13 Then ² went down a remnant, ³ the nobles
among the people:

³ Or, both
nobles and
people.

The LORD ⁴ went down for me ⁵ against the
mighty.

⁴ Or, made me
have dominion
over.

- 14 Out of Ephraim *came* they whose root is in
Amalek ;

⁵ Or, among.

After thee Benjamin among thy peoples ;

⁶ Or, law-
givers.

Out of Machir came down ⁶ governors,

⁷ Or, handle.

And out of Zebulun they that ⁷ draw out
with the marshal's staff.

- 15 And my princes in Issachar were with
Deborah ;

And as Issachar, so was Barak :

Into the valley ⁸ were they sent forth at his
feet.

By the ⁹ watercourses of Reuben

There were great resolves of heart.

16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds,

To hear the ¹⁰ pipings for the flocks ?

At the watercourses of Reuben

There were great searchings of heart.

- 17 Gilead abode beyond Jordan :

And Dan, why doth he remain in ships ?

Asher sat still at the ¹¹ haven of the sea,

And abideth by his creeks.

⁸ Or, he was
sent on foot.

⁹ Or, divisions.

¹⁰ Or, whist-
lings.

¹¹ Or, shore.

- 18 Zebulun was a people that jeoparded their
life unto the death,
Naphtali also,
Upon the heights of the field.
- 19 The kings came, they fought ;
Then fought the kings of Canaan
In Taanach by the waters of Megiddo ;
They took no gain of silver.
- 20 They fought from heaven ;
The stars from their courses fought against
Sisera.
- 21 The river Kishon swept them away,
That ancient river, the river Kishon.
¹ March on, my soul, with strength.
- 22 ² Then did the horsehoofs stamp
By reason of the pransings, the pransings of
their mighty ones.
- 23 Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD,
Curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof ;
Because they came not to the help of the
LORD,
To the help of the LORD ³ against the
- 24 Blessed ⁴ of women be Jael
The wife of Heber the Kenite,
Blessed be she ⁴ of women in the tent.
- 25 He asked water, she gave him milk ;
She brought him butter in a lordly dish.
- 26 She put her hand to the nail,
And her right hand to the workmen's ham-
mer ;
And with the hammer she smote Sisera, she
smote through his head,
Yea, she pierced and struck through his
temples.
- 27 Between her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay :
Between her feet he bowed, he fell :
Where he bowed, there he fell down ⁵ dead.

¹ Or, *O my
soul, thou
treadest down
strength.*

² Or, *Then
were the horse-
hoofs broken.*

³ Or, *among.*

⁴ Or, *above.*

⁵ Heb. *dé-
stroyed.*

28 Through the window she looked forth, and
cried,

The mother of Sisera through the lat-
tice,

Why is his chariot so long in coming?

¹ Heb. *stēṣṣ*.

Why tarry the ¹wheels of his chariots?

29 Her wise ladies answer her,

Yea, she returneth answer to herself,

30 Have they not found, have they not divided
the spoil?

A damsel, two damsels to every man ;

To Sisera a spoil of divers colours,

A spoil of divers colours of embroidery,

Of divers colours of embroidery on both
sides, on the necks of the spoil?

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD:

But let them that love him be as the sun
when he goeth forth in his might.

And the land had rest forty years.

VI. 1 And the children of Israel did that which
was evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD
delivered them into the hand of Midian seven
years. 2 And the hand of Midian was strong
against Israel: and because of Midian the
children of Israel made them the dens which
are in the mountains, and the caves, and the
strong holds. 3 And so it was, when Israel
had sown, that Midian came up, and Amalek,
and the children of the east; they came up
against them; 4 and they encamped against
them, and destroyed the increase of the earth,
till thou come unto Gaza; and they left no
sustenance in Israel, neither ²sheep, nor ox,
nor ass. 5 For they came up with their cattle
and their tents, they came in as locusts for
multitude; both they and their camels were
without number: and they came into the land
to destroy it. 6 And Israel was brought very

² Or, *goat*.

low because of Midian; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of Midian, 8 that the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel: and he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD the God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; 9 and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land; 10 and I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; ye shall fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not hearkened unto my voice.

11 And the angel of the LORD came, and sat under the ¹oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abi-ezrite: and his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from Midian. 12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. 13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh¹ my lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his wondrous works which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hand of Midian. 14 And the LORD turned towards him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of Midian: have not I sent thee? 15 And he said unto him, Oh¹ Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my ²family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house. 16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely

¹ Or, *terebinth*.

² Heb. *thousand*.

I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite Midian as one man. 17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that it is thou that talkest with me. 18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my ¹present, and lay it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again. 19 And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid of the goats, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of meal: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the ²oak, and presented it. 20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, but pour out the broth. And he did so. 21 Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there went up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight. 22 And Gideon saw that he was the angel of the LORD; and Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face. 23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. 24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it ³Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

25 And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's bullock, ⁴and the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the ⁵Asherah that is ⁶by it: 26 and build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this stronghold, in

¹ Or, *offering*.

² Or, *terebinth*.

³ That is, *The LORD is peace*.

⁴ Or, *even*.

⁵ See Ex. xxxiv.

⁶ Or, *upon*.

the orderly manner, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt-offering with the wood of the Asherah which thou shalt cut down.

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had spoken unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he ~~could~~ not do it by day, that he did it by night.

28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah was cut down that was ¹by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built.

¹ Or, upon.

29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath broken down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the Asherah that was ¹by it.

31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him, ~~Are ye they that will plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him,~~ ²let him be put to death whilst *it is yet* morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one hath broken down his altar.

² Or, shall be put to death; let be till morning.

32 Therefore on that day he called him ³Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath broken down his altar.

³ That is, Let Baal plead.

33 Then all Midian and Amalek and the children of the east were gathered together; and they passed over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

34 But the Spirit of the LORD ⁴came upon Gideon, and he blew the trumpet; and Abi-ezer was called together after him. 35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; and they also were called together

⁴ Heb. clothed.

after him : and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them. 36 And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast spoken, 37 behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the threshing floor; if there be dew on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the ground, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast spoken. 38 And it was so : for he rose up early on the morrow, and pressed the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water. 39 And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once : let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece ; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. 40 And God did so that night : for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

VII. 1 Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the spring of ¹Harod : so that the camp of Midian was on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

¹ That is,
Trembling.
See ver. 3.

2 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give Midian into their hand, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. 3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and trembling, let him turn back and ²depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand ; and there remained ten thousand.

² Or, *go round about.*

4 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The

people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. 6 And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the people go every man unto his place.

8 ¹ So they took the victuals of the people in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the men of Israel every man unto his tent, but retained the three hundred men: and the camp of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

¹ Or, *So the people took victuals.*

9 And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise, get thee down into the camp; for I have delivered it into thine hand. 10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the camp:

11 and thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down into the camp. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the uttermost part of the

² armed men that were in the camp. 12 And Midian and Amalek and all the children of the east lay along in the

² Or, *harnessed*,
Ex. xiii. 18.

valley like locusts for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand which is upon the sea shore for multitude. 13 And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow; and he said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian, and came unto the tent, and smote it that it fell, and turned it upside down, that the tent lay along. 14 And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, the man of Israel: God hath delivered into his hand Midian, and all the host.

15 And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped; and he returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian. 16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put into every man's hand trumpets, and empty pitchers, with torches within the pitchers. 17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the uttermost part of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do. 18 When I blow the trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, For the LORD and for Gideon.

19 So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the uttermost part of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch, when they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands. 20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the

trumpets in their right hands to blow withal : and they cried, The sword for the LORD and for Gideon. 21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp : and all the host ran, and they shouted, and ¹put them to flight.

¹ Another reading is, *fled.*

22 And they blew the three hundred trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, and against all the host : and the host fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah,

² Or, *shore.*

as far as the ²border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath. 23 And the men of Israel were called together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after Midian.

24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, Come down against Midian, and take before them the waters unto Beth-barah, and also Jordan. So all the men of Ephraim were called together, and took the waters unto Beth-barah, and also Jordan.

25 And they took the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb ; and they slew Oreb upon the rock, Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian : and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond Jordan.

VIII. 1 And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with Midian ? And they did chide with him sharply. 2 And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you ? Are not the grape-gleanings of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer ? 3 Into your hands God hath delivered the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb : and what was I able to do in comparison of you ? Then their ³anger was abated toward him, when he had spoken thus. 4 And Gideon came to Jordan, to pass over, he, and the three

³ Heb. *spirit.*

hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing. 5 And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they be faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian. 6 And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army? 7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the LORD hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will ¹tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers. 8 And he went up thence to Penuel, and spake unto them in like manner: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered. 9 And he spake also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the host of the children of the east: for there fell an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword. 11 And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwell in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host, while the host was secure. 12 And Zebah and Zalmunna fled; and he pursued after them; and he took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and he ²discomfited all the host. 13 And Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle from the ascent of Heres. 14 And he caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him: and he ³described for him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, seventy and seven men. 15 And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah

¹ Heb. *thresh*.

² Heb. *terrified*.

³ Heb. *wrote*.

and Zalmunna, concerning whom ye did taunt me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men that are weary? 16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he ¹taught the men of Succoth. 17 And he brake down the tower of Penuel, and slew the men of the city. 18 Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men were they whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou art, so were they; each one resembled the children of a king. 19 And he said, They were my brethren, the sons of my mother: as the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you. 20 And he said unto Jether his firstborn, Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet a youth. 21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the ²ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

¹ Some ancient authorities read, *threshed*.

² Or, *ornaments like the moon*.

22 Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast saved us out of the hand of Midian. 23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you. 24 And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the ³earrings of his spoils. (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) 25 And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his spoil. 26 And the weight of

³ Or, *nose-rings*.

the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of gold; beside the ornaments, and the pendants, and the purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were about their camels' necks. 27 And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went a whoring after it there: and it became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house. 28 So Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house. 30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives. 31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bare him a son, and he ¹called his name Abimelech. 32 And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after the Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god. 34 And the children of Israel remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hand of all their enemies on every side: 35 neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, *namely*, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

IX. 1 And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and spake with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, 2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, that all the

¹ Heb. *set*.

sons of Jerubbaal, which are threescore and ten persons, rule over you, or that one rule over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh. 3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother. 4 And they gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light fellows, which followed him. 5 And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: but Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all ¹the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the ²oak of the pillar that was in Shechem. 7 And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried; and he said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you. 8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us. 9 But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, I, by whom they honour God and man, and go to sway over the trees? 10 And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, and reign over us. 11 But the fig tree said unto them, Should I leave my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to sway over the trees? 12 And the trees said unto the vine, Come thou, and reign over us. 13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to

¹ Or, *Beth-Millo*.

² Or, *terebinth*.

sway over the trees? 14 Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, and reign over us. 15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon. 16 Now therefore, if ye have dealt truly and uprightly, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and if ye have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands; 17 (in that my father fought for you, and cast his life before him, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian: 18 and ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maid-servant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother;) 19 if ye then have dealt truly and uprightly with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you: 20 but if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech. 21 And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

22 And Abimelech was prince over Israel three years. 23 And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech: 24 that the violence done to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and that their blood might be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them, and

upon the men of Shechem, which strengthened his hands to slay his brethren. 25 And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their trust in him. 27 And they went out into the field, and gathered their vineyards, and trode *the grapes*, and ¹held festival; and they went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech.

¹ Or, *offered a praise-offering.*

28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? is not he the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him? 29 And would that this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out.

30 And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled. 31 And he sent messengers unto Abimelech ²craftily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren be come to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify the city against thee.

² Or, *in Tor-mah.*

32 Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that is with thee, and lie in wait in the field: 33 and it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and, behold, when he and the people that is with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them ³as thou shalt find occasion.

³ Heb. *as thine hand shall find.*

34 And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they

laid wait against Shechem in four companies. 35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and the people that were with him, from the ambushment. 36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the tops of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they were men. 37 And Gaal spake again and said, See there come people down by the ¹middle of the land, and one company cometh by the way of ²the oak of Meonenim. 38 Then said Zebul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, that thou saidst, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? is not this the people that thou hast despised? go out now, I pray, and fight with them. 39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech. 40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and there fell many wounded, even unto the entering of the gate. 41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem. 42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech. 43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field: and he looked, and, behold, the people came forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them. 44 And Abimelech, and the companies that were with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two companies rushed upon all that were in the field, and smote them. 45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that was

¹ Heb. *navel*.

² Or, *The augurs' oak*.

therein : and he beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

46 And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entered into the hold of the house ¹of El-Berith.

47 And it was told ¹ch. viii. 33. Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him ; and Abimelech took axes ²with him, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it ²Heb. *in his hand*.

on his shoulder : and he said unto the people that were with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done. 49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them ; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

50 Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it. 51 But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and gat them up to the roof of the tower. 52 And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. 53 And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and brake his skull. 54 Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and kill me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died. 55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place. 56 Thus God requited the wickedness of Abime-

lech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren: 57 and all the evil of the men of Shechem did God requite upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

- X. 1 And after Abimelech there arose to save Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Isaachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim. 2 And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 And after him arose Jair, the Gileadite; and he judged Israel twenty and two years.

4 And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called

¹ That is, *The towers of Jair*, Num. xxxii. 41.

¹ Havoth-jair unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead. 5 And Jair died, and was buried in Kamon.

6 And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baalim, and the Ashtaroth, and the gods of Aram, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook the LORD, and served him not.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon. 8 And they brake and crushed the children of Israel that year: for eighteen years, all the children of Israel that were beyond Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead. 9 And the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed. 10 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against

thee, even because we have forsaken our God, and have served the Baalim.

11 And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, *Did not I save you* from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines? 12 The Zidonians also, and Amalek, and Maon, did oppress you; and ye cried unto me, and I saved you out of their hand. 13 Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will save you no more. 14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress. 15 And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; only deliver us, we pray thee, this day. 16 And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

17 Then the children of Ammon were called together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpah. 18 And the people, the princes of Gilead, said one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

XI. 1 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah. 2 And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drave out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of another woman. 3 Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain fellows to Jephthah, and went out with him.

4 And it came to pass after a while, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel. 5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob : 6 and they said unto Jephthah, Come, and be our chief, that we may fight with the children of Ammon. 7 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and drive me out of my father's house ? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress ? 8 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore are we turned again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight with the children of Ammon, and thou shalt be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. 9 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me back again to fight with the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head ? 10 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The LORD¹ shall be the hearer between us, surely according to thy words, so will we do. 11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and chief over them : and Jephthah spake all his words before the LORD in Mizpah.

¹ Or, *be witness*.

12 And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come unto me to fight against my land ? 13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when he came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan : now therefore restore those *lands* again peaceably. 14 And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon :

15 and said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon : 16 but when they came up from Egypt, then Israel walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and came to Kadesh ; 17 and Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land : but the king of Edom hearkened not. And in like manner he sent unto the king of Moab : but he would not : and Israel abode in Kadesh. 18 Then he walked through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and they pitched on the other side of Arnon ; but they came not within the border of Moab, for Arnon was the border of Moab. 19 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon ; and Israel said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land unto my place. 20 But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his border : but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahzah, and fought against Israel. 21 And the LORD, the God of Israel, delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them : so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country. 22 And they possessed all the border of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan. 23 So now the LORD, the God of Israel, hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldest thou possess it ? 24 Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess ? So whatsoever the LORD our God hath dispossessed from before us, that will we possess. 25 And now art thou any

¹ Heb. *daughters*.

thing better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them? 26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her ¹towns, and in Aroer and her ¹towns, and in all the cities that be along by the side of Arnon, three hundred years; wherefore did ye not deliver them within that time? 27 I therefore have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: the LORD, the Judge, be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon. 28 Howbeit the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him.

29 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon. 30 And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver the children of Ammon into mine hand, 31 then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, it shall be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up for a burnt-offering.

² That is, *The plain of the vineyards*.

32 So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into his hand. 33 And he smote them from Aroer, until thou come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and unto ²Abel-Cheramim, with a very great slaughter. So the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

34 And Jephthah came to Mizpah unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had

neither son nor daughter. 35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back. 36 And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon. 37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may depart and go down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my companions. 38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. 39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she ¹knew no man. And it was a ²custom in Israel: 40 the daughters of Israel went yearly ³to celebrate the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

¹ Or, *had known.*

² Or, *ordinance.*

³ Or, *lament.*

XII. 1 And the men of Ephraim were called together, and passed ⁴northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire. 2 And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye saved me not out of their hand. 3 And when I saw that ye saved me not, I put my life in my hand, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered

⁴ Or, *to Zaphon.*

them into my hand : wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me ?
4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim : and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, for they said, Ye are the fugitives of Ephraim : Gilead *is* in the midst of Ephraim, *and* in the midst of Manasseh : 5 and Gilead took the fords of Jordan before Ephraim : and it was so, that when the fugitives of Ephraim said, Let me go over, the men of Gilead said unto him, Art thou an Ephraimite ? If he said, Nay ; 6 then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth : and he said Sibboleth : for he could not frame to pronounce it right ; then they laid hold on him, and slew him at the fords of Jordan : and there fell at that time of Ephraim forty and two thousand.
7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gilead.

8 And after him Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Israel. 9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters he sent abroad, and thirty daughters he brought in from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. 10 And Ibzan died, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

11 And after him Elon, the Zebulonite, judged Israel ; and he judged Israel ten years. 11

12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the land of Zebulun. 12

13 And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, the Pirathonite, judged Israel. 14 And he had forty sons and thirty sons' sons, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts : and he judged Israel eight years. 15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

XIII. 1 And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not. 3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. 4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: 5 for, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come upon his head: for the child shall be a Nazirite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to save Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. 6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, The man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name: 7 but he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazirite unto God from the womb to the day of his death.

8 Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, Oh Lord, I pray thee, let the man of God ~~which~~ thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. 9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her. 10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and told her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto

me the *other* day. 11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. 12 And

¹ Or, *Now when thy words come to pass, what &c.*
² Or, *manner.*

Manoah said, ¹Now shall thy words come to pass: what shall be the ²ordering of the child, and his work? 13 And the angel of the LORD

said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her be ware. 14 She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the grape-vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; all that I commanded her let her observe. 15 And Manoah said unto the

angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, that we may make ready a kid for thee.

16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt ³make ready a burnt-offering, thou must offer it ^{up} unto the LORD.

³ Or, *offer.*

For Manoah knew not that he was the angel of the LORD. 17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy words come to pass we may do thee honour?

18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore askest thou after my name, seeing it is wonderful? 19 So Manoah took the kid with

the meal-offering, and offered it ^{up} upon the rock unto the LORD: and he did wondrously, and Manoah and his wife looked on. 20 For it

came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar: and Manoah and his wife looked on; and they fell on their faces to the ground. 21 But the angel

of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah or to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD. 22 And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we

have seen God. 23 But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt-offering and a meal-offering at our hand, neither would he have shewed us all these things, nor would at this time have let us hear such things as these.

24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. 25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in ¹Mahanehdan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

XIV. 1 And Samson went down to Timnathah, and saw a woman in Timnathah of the daughters of the Philistines. 2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnathah of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife. 3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there ~~never~~ a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well. 4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had rule over Israel.

5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnathah, and came to the vineyards of Timnathah: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. 6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done. 7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. 8 And after a while he returned to take her, and he turned aside to

¹ That is, the camp of Dan. ch. xviii. 12.

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And

see the carcase of the lion : and, behold, there was a swarm of bees in the carcase of the lion, and honey. 9 And he took it out into his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat : but he told them not that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion. 10 And his father went down unto the woman : and Samson made there a feast ; for so used the young men to do. 11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. 12 And Samson said unto them, Let me now put forth a riddle unto you : if ye can indeed tell it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of raiment : 13 but if ye cannot tell it me, then shall ye give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of raiment. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it. 14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And for three days they could not tell the riddle. 15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may tell us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire : have ye called us to ¹impoverish us ? is it not so ? 16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not : thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell thee ? 17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted : and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she

¹Or, take that we have.

pressed him sore : and she told the riddle to the children of her people. 18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said unto them,

If ye had not plowed with my heifer,

Ye had not found out my riddle.

19 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave the changes of *raiment* unto them which told the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house. 20 But Samson's wife was *given* to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

XV. 1 But it came to pass after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid ; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in. 2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her ; therefore I gave her to thy companion : is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her. 3 And Samson said unto them, This time shall I be blameless in regard of the Philistines, when I do them a displeasure. 4 And Samson went and caught three hundred ¹foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between every two tails. 5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, and the oliveyards. 6 Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they said, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he hath taken his wife, and given her to his companion.

¹ Or, *jackals*.

And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire. 7 And Samson said unto them, If ye do after this manner, surely I will be avenged of you, and after that I will cease. 8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock Etam.

9 Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi. 10 And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they said, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us. 11 Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? and what is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them. 12 And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves. 13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will only bind thee, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new ropes, and brought him up from the rock. 14 When he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the ropes that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands¹ dropped from off his hands. 15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and smote a thousand men therewith. 16 And Samson said,

With the jawbone of an ass, an heap, two heaps,

¹ Heb. *were melted*.

With the jawbone of an ass have I smitten a thousand men.

17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand; and he called that place ¹Ramath-lehi. 18 And he was sore athirst, and called on the LORD, and said, Thou hast given this great salvation by the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised. 19 But God clave the hollow place that is in Lehi, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof ²En-hakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day. 20 And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

¹ That is, *The hill of the jawbone, or, The throwing away of the jawbone.*

² That is, *The spring of him that called.*

XVI. 1 And Samson went to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her. 2 *And it was told* the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, ³When the morning is light, then will we kill him. 3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and laid hold of the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and plucked them up, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of the mountain that is before Hebron.

³ Or, *Let be till morning light.*

4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman ⁴in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. 5 And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and wherewith we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to ⁵afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred *pieces* of silver. 6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me,

⁴ Or, *by the brook.*

⁵ Or, *humble.*

I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee. 7 And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man. 8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. 9 Now the liers in wait were abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a string of tow is broken when it feeleth the fire. So his strength was not known. 10 And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound. 11 And he said unto her, If they only bind me with new ropes wherewith no work hath been done, then shall I be weak, and be as another man. 12 So Delilah took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And the liers in wait were abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread. 13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web. 14 And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and plucked away the pin of the ¹beam, and the web. 15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth. 16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with

¹ Or, *woof*,
or, *plait*.

her words, and urged him, that his soul was vexed unto death. 17 And he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon ~~mine~~ head ; for I have been a Nazirite unto God from my mother's womb : if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall be weak, and be like any other man. 18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought the silver in their hand. 19 And she made him sleep upon her knees ; and she called for the man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head ; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. 20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times, and shake myself. But he wist not that the LORD was departed from him. 21 And the Philistines laid hold on him, and ¹put out his eyes ; and they brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass ; and he did grind in the prison house. 22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

23 And the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice : for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. 24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god : for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our land, which hath slain many of us. 25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport.

¹ Heb. bored out.

And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made sport before them: and they made him stand between the pillars. 26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house resteth, that I may lean upon them. 27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport. 28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. 29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house rested, and leaned upon them; the one with his right hand, and the other with his left. 30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life. 31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the buryingplace of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

XVII. 1 And there was a man of the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Micah. 2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *pieces* of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou didst utter a curse, and didst tell it also in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my son. 3 And when he had restored

the eleven hundred *pieces* of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image : now therefore I will restore it unto thee.

4 But he restored the money unto his mother ; and his mother took two hundred *pieces* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image : and it was in the house of Micah. 5 And the man Micah had an house of God, and he made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. 6 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

7 And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there. 8 And the man departed out of the city, out of Beth-lehem-judah, to sojourn where he could find *a place*: and he came to the hill country of Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. 9 And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find *a place*. 10 And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten *pieces* of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in. 11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man ; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons. 12 And Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest ; and he was in the house of Micah. 13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.

XVIII. 1 In those days there was no king in Israel:

and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day there had not fallen unto them for inheritance among the tribes of Israel.

2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: and they came to the hill country of Ephraim, unto the house of Micah, and lodged there. 3 When they were by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what doest thou in this place? and what hast thou here? 4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus hath Micah dealt with me, and he hath hired me, and I am his priest. 5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous. 6 And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD is your way wherein ye go.

7 Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt in security, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; for ¹there was none to do any hurt in the land, ²possessing authority, and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no business with any man. 8 And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren said unto them, What say ye? 9 And they said, Arise, and let us go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and are ye still? be not slothful to go, and enter in to possess the land. 10 When ye go, ye shall come

¹ Or, *there was no magistrate in the land that might put them to shame in anything.*

² Heb. *possessor, or, or, heir of restraint.*

unto a people secure, and the land is large: for God hath given it into your hands; a place where there is no want of any thing that is in the earth.

11 And there set forth from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men girt with weapons of war. 12 And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan unto this day: behold, it is behind Kirjath-jearim. 13 And they passed thence unto the hill country of Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah. 14 Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what ye have to do. 15 And they turned aside thither, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even unto the house of Micah, and asked him of his welfare. 16 And the six hundred men girt with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate. 17 And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood by the entering of the gate with the six hundred men girt with weapons of war. 18 And when these went into Micah's house, and fetched the graven image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image, the priest said unto them, What do ye? 19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay ~~thine~~ hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for thee to be priest unto the house of one man, or to be priest unto a tribe

and a family in Israel? 20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people. 21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the goods before them. 22 When they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses near to Micah's house were called together, and overtook the children of Dan. 23 And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, ¹that thou comest with such a company? 24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and are gone away, and what have I more? and how then say ye unto me, What aileth thee? 25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest ²angry fellows fall upon you, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household. 26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house. 27 And they took that which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people quiet and secure, and smote them with the edge of the sword; and they burnt the city with fire. 28 And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon, and they had no business with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Beth-rehob. And they built the city, and dwelt therein. 29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city was Laish at the first. 30 And the children of Dan set up for themselves the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of

¹ Heb. *that thou art called together?*

² Heb. *bitter of soul.*

¹ Moses, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land. 3¹ And they established Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

¹ Another reading is, *Manassch.*

XIX. 1 And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the farther side of the hill country of Ephraim, who took to him a wife a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah.

2 And his concubine played the harlot against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there ²the space of four months.

² Or, *a year and four months.*

3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak kindly unto her, to bring ³her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

See 1 Sam. xxvii. 7.

4 And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there. 5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, that they arose early in the morning, and he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son in law, Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward ye shall go your way.

³ Another reading is, *it*, i.e. her heart.

6 And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: and the damsel's father said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry. 7 And the man rose up to depart; and his father in law urged him, and he lodged there again. 8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until the day declined, and they did eat, both of them. 9 And

the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant; and his father in law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night : behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry ; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go to the tent. 10 But the man would not tarry all night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Jebus, the same is Jerusalem ; and there were with him two asses saddled, his concubine also was with him. 11 When they were by Jebus, the day was far spent ; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn aside into the city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it. 12 And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside into the city of a foreigner, that is not of the children of Israel ; but we will pass over to Gibeah. 13 And he said unto his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places ; and we will lodge in Gibeah, or in Ramah. 14 And they passed on and went their way ; and the sun went down upon them near to Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin. 15 And they turned aside thither, to go in and lodge in Gibeah : and he went in, and sat him down in the street of the city : for there was no man that took them into his house to lodge. 16 And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even ; now the man was of the hill country of Ephraim, and sojourned in Gibeah : but the men of the place were Benjamites. 17 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the wayfaring man in the street of the city : and the old man said, Whither goest thou ? and whence comest thou ? 18 And he said unto him, We are passing from Beth-lehem-judah toward the farther side of mount Ephraim ; from

thence am I; and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I am going to the house of the LORD; and there is no man that taketh me into his house. 19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man which is with thy servants: there is no want of any thing. 20 And the old man said, Peace be unto thee; howsoever let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the street. 21 So he brought him into his house, and gave the asses fodder: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink. 22 As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, ~~men~~-who were sons of ¹Belial, beset the house round about, beating at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into ~~thine~~ house, that we may know him. 23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into ~~mine~~ house, do not this folly. 24 Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not any such folly. 25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took hold of his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go. 26 Then came the woman ~~in~~ the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light. 27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold,

¹ See Deut.
xiii. 13.

the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, with her hands upon the threshold. 28 And he said unto her, Rise, and let us be going; but none answered: then he took her up upon the ass; and the man rose up, and gat him unto his place. 29 And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, by her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the borders of Israel. 30 And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider of it, advise, and speak.

XX. 1 Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was assembled as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD at Mizpah. 2 And the ¹chiefs of all the people, ²even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.

¹ Heb. *corner*.

² Or, *even all*.

3 Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpah. And said the children of Israel, Tell us, how was this wickedness brought to pass? 4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was murdered, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge. 5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night; me they thought to have slain, and my concubine they ³forced, and she died. 6 And I took hold of my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel. 7 Behold,

³ Heb.
humbled.

¹all ye children of Israel ; give here your advice and counsel. 8 And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his house. 9 But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Gibeah ; *we will go up* against it by lot ; 10 and we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gebah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel. 11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man.

12 And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribes of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that hath been brought to pass among you ? 13 Now therefore deliver up ~~the men,~~ ^{the sons of} ²Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But ³Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel:

14 And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel. 15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered on that day out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men. 16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men left-handed ; every one could sling stones at an hair-breadth, and not miss.

17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword : all these were men of war. 18 And

¹ Or, ye are all.

² See Deut. xiii. 13.

³ Another reading is, *the children of Benjamin.*

they arose, and went up to Bethel, and asked of God; and the children of Israel said, Who shall go up for us first to battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah *shall go up* first. 19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah. 20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel set the battle in array against them at Gibeah. 21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and they destroyed of the Israelites on that day two and twenty thousand men down to the ground. 22 And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, and set the battle again in array in the place where they set themselves in array the first day. 23 (And the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until even, and they asked of the LORD, saying, Shall I again draw nigh to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him.)

24 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day. 25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men down to the ground; all these drew the sword. 26 Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto Bethel, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even; and they offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the LORD. 27 And the children of Israel asked of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days, 28 and Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And

the LORD said, Go up ; for to morrow I will deliver him into ~~thine~~ ^{thine} hand. 29 And Israel set liers in wait against Gibeah round about.

30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. 31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city ; and they began to smite and kill of the people, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to Bethel, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel. 32 And the children of Benjamin said, They are smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them away from the city unto the highways. 33 And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and set themselves in array at Baal-tamar : and the liers in wait of Israel brake forth out of their place, even out of ¹the meadows of Geba. 34 And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore : but they knew not that evil was ²coming upon them.

35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel : and the children of Israel destroyed of Benjamin that day twenty and five thousand and an hundred men : all these drew the sword. 36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten : for the men of Israel gave place to Benjamin, because they trusted unto the liers in wait which they had set against Gibeah. 37 And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed upon Gibeah ; and the liers in wait drew themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword. 38 Now the appointed sign between the men of Israel and the liers in wait was, that they should make a great cloud of smoke rise

¹ Or, *hollows* :
or, *Maareh*
Geba.

² Heb. *touching*.

up out of the city. 39 And the men of Israel turned in the battle, and Benjamin began to smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as in the first battle. 40 But when the cloud began to arise up out of the city in a pillar of smoke, Benjamin looked behind them, and, behold, the whole of the city ascended up to heaven. 41 And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil was come upon them. 42 Therefore they turned before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle followed hard after them; and they which came out of the cities destroyed them in the midst thereof. 43 They inclosed Benjamin round about, they chased them, at ¹their resting place they trode them down as far as over against Gibeah toward the sunrising. 44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valour. 45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and followed hard after them unto Gidom, and smote of them two thousand men. 46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these were men of valour. 47 But six hundred men turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon, and abode in the rock, Rimmon four months. 48 And the men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, both the ²city of men, and cattle, and all that ³they found: moreover all the cities that ⁴they found they set on fire.

¹ Or,
Mennuchah.

² Or, according to the received text, *entire.*

³ Heb. *was found.*

⁴ Heb. *were found.*

XXI. 1 Now the men of Israel had sworn in

Mizpah, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife. 2 And the people came to Bethel, and sat there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore. 3 And they said, O LORD, the God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel? 4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings.

5 And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up in the assembly unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Mizpah, saying, He shall surely be put to death. 6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, This day is one tribe cut off from Israel. 7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters to wives? 8 And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpah to the LORD? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly. 9 For when the people were numbered, behold, none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead were there. 10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the little ones. 11 And this is the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall devote every male, and every woman that hath lain by man. 12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred young virgins, that

had not known man by lying with him : and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 And the whole congregation sent and spake to the children of Benjamin that were in the rock Rimmon, and proclaimed peace unto them. 14 And Benjamin returned at that time ; and they gave them the women which they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead : and yet so they sufficed them not. 15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin? 17 And they said, There ~~must be the~~ heritage of a remnant for Benjamin, ~~that a tribe~~ be not blotted out from Israel. 18 Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters : for the children of Israel had sworn, saying, Cursed be he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

19 And they said, Behold, there ~~is a~~ feast of the LORD in Shilo from year to year *in a place* which is on the north side of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah. 20 And they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards ; 21 and see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shilo come out to dance in the dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shilo, and go to the land of Benjamin. 22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come to ¹complain unto us, that we will say unto them, Grant them graciously unto us : because we took not each man his wife in

¹ Or, strive with us.

battle: neither did ye give unto them that at this time ye should be guilty. 23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took them wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they carried off: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and built the cities, and dwelt in them. 24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance. 25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

THE
BOOK OF RUTH.

I. 1 AND it came to pass in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the field of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. 2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the field of Moab, and continued there. 3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years. 5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two children and of her husband. 6 Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the field of Moab: for she had heard in the field of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread. 7 And she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah. 8 And Naomi said unto her two

daughters in law, Go, return each of you to her mother's house : the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. 9 The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them ; and they lifted up their voice, and wept. 10 And they said unto her, Nay, but we will return with thee unto thy people. 11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters : why will ye go with me ? have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands ? 12 Turn again, my daughters, go your way ; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should even have an husband to night, and should also bear sons ; 13 would ye therefore tarry till they were grown ? would ye therefore stay from having husbands ? nay, my daughters ; for ¹it is exceeding bitter to me because of you, for the hand of the LORD is gone forth against me. 14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again : and Orpah kissed her mother in law ; but Ruth clave unto her. 15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods : return thou after thy sister in law. 16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, to return from following after thee : for whither thou goest, I will go ; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge : thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God : 17 where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried : the LORD do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me. 18 And when she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, she left speaking unto her. 19 So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was

¹ Or, it is far more bitter for me than for you.

moved about them, and the women said, Is this Naomi? 20 And she said unto them, Call me not ¹Naomi, call me ²Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. 21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me? 22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the field of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

II. 1 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of ³wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go, the field, and glean among the ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. 3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. 4 And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee. 5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this? 6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the field of Moab: 7 and she said, Let me glean, I pray you, and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she hath tarried a little in the house. 8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast

¹ That is,

Pleasant.

² That is,

Bitter.

³ Or, *valour.*

by my maidens: 9 let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn. 10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger? 11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, ~~It~~ hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and ~~how~~ thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. 12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to take refuge. 13 Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken kindly unto thine handmaid, though I be not as one of thine handmaidens. 14 And at meal-time Boaz said unto her, Come hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left thereof. 15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and put her not to shame. 16 And also pull out some for her from the bundles, and leave it, and let her glean, and rebuke her not. 17 So she gleaned in the field until even; and she beat out that she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. 18 And she took it up, and went into the city:

and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned : and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had left after she was sufficed. 19 And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she told her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day is Boaz. 20 And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is nigh of kin unto us, one of our ¹near kinsmen. 21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, Yea, he said unto me, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest. 22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, and that they ²meet thee not in any other field. 23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her

III. mother in law. 1 And Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek for thee a rest, that it may be well with thee? 2 And now ³is not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor. 3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the threshingfloor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. 4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. 5 And she

¹ Or, *redeemers.*

² Or, *fall upon thee.*

³ Or, *is there not Boaz, &c.*

said unto her, All that thou ¹sayest I will do.
 6 And she went down unto the threshingfloor,
 and did according to all that her mother in law
 bade her. 7 And Boaz ate and drank, and his
 heart was merry, and he went to lie down at
 the end of the heap of corn: and she came
 softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her
 down. 8 And it came to pass at midnight, that
 the man was afraid, and ²turned himself: and,
 behold, a woman lay at his feet. 9 And he said,
 Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth
 thine handmaid: spread therefore thy ³skirt
 over thine handmaid; for thou art a ⁴near kins-
 man. 10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the
 LORD, my daughter: thou hast shewed more
 kindness in the latter end than at the beginning,
 inasmuch as thou followedst not young men,
 whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daugh-
 ter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou
 sayest: for all the ⁵gate of my people doth
 know that thou art a virtuous woman. 12 And
 now it is true that I am a near kinsman: how-
 beit there is a kinsman nearer than I. 13 Tarry
 this night, and it shall be in the morning, that
 if he will perform unto thee the part of a kins-
 man, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but
 if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee,
 then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as
 the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.
 14 And she lay at his feet until the morning:
 and she rose up before one could discern another.
 And he said, Let it not be known that the
 woman came unto the threshingfloor. 15 And
 he said, Bring the ⁶veil that is upon thee, and
 hold it; and she held it: and he measured six
measures of barley, and laid it on her: and ⁷he
 went into the city. 16 And when she came to
 her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my

¹ Another
 reading is
sayest unto me.

² Or, *bent*
forward.

³ Or, *wing.*

⁴ Or,
redeemer.
 Heb. *goel.*

⁵ See 4. 1, 11.

⁶ Or, *mantle,*
 or *apron.*

⁷ Or, accord-
 ing to some
 ancient autho-
 rities, *she*
went.

daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. 17 And she said, These six *measures* of barley gave he me; for he ¹said, Go not empty unto thy mother in law. 18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

- IV. 1 Then Boaz went up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the near kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down. 2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down. 3 And he said unto the near kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the field of Moab, hath sold the parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's: 4 and I thought to ²disclose it unto thee, saying, Buy it before them that sit here, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it; but if ³he will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it. 5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. 6 And the near kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it. 7 Now this was *the manner* in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was the testimony in Israel. 8 Therefore the near kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thyself. So he plucked

Another reading is said to me.

See

² Heb. uncover thine ear.

According to many ancient authorities thou wilt.

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off his shoe. 9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi. 10 Moreover Ruth the Moab-
itess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day. 11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and ¹do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem: 12 and let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman. 13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in unto her; and the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son. 14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a ²near kinsman, and let his name be famous in Israel. 15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him. 16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it. 17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David. 18 Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron, 19 and Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, 20 and Ammin-

¹ Or, *get thee power.*

² Or, *redeemer.*

adab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Sal-
mah, 21 and Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz
begat Obed, 22 and Obed begat Jesse, and
Jesse begat David.

JOSHUA.

[N. B.—It is proposed that the rendering which follows the dash take the place of the one which precedes it.]

- I. 5 not any—no
 dele 'be able to' (see x. 8)
- 7 that thou mayest observe—to observe (see xxiii. 6)
 to the end—that (as A. V. and as iii. 4, iv. 6, 24 etc.) so ver. 8
 transpose marg.¹ and text (so ver. 8)
- 8 therein—thereon
- 13 hath given—giveth
- 14 harnessed—armed (as Judg. vii. 11)
 marg.² dele "or, *girded*"

- II. 1 an harlot—a harlot
 which—who
 thine—thy
 be—are
- 7 which—that
- 8 were laid—lay
- 9 your terror—the terror of you
 dele "away" (which suggests a wrong sense) so 24
- 10 devoted—devoted to destruction
- 14 add marg. Heb. *to die for you* (see A. V.)
 business. And—business; and
- 17 line—cord (so 21)

- III. 4 go:—go;
- 13 the LORD—Jehovah

- IV. 1 unmeaning breaks in the masoretic text should not be reproduced.
- 3 Take you—Take you up
 dele 'ye shall'
- 5 take—lift (to distinguish from the verb in 3)
 dele 'of you'
- 8 place where they lodged—lodging place (as ver. 3)
- 9 which—that (so 10)
- 12 harnessed—armed (dele marg.) as Judg. vii. 11
- 13 armed—ready armed (see A. V. marg.)
- 18 his—its
- 19 uttermost part of the east—eastern limit

- V. 6 which—that
 9 add marg. to 'Gilgal' That is, *Rolling* (as A. V.)
 11 old corn—produce (so 12)
 14 as captain—I the prince (dele marg.1)
 dele "I"
 15 captain—prince
- VI. Enclose ver. 1 in parenthesis.
 no new paragraph at ver. 2
 4 jubile—jubilee (so 5, 6, 8, 13)
 9 rereward—rearward (as Isa. lii. 12, lviii. 8) so 13
 dele marg.⁴
 blowing with the trumpets—the trumpets blowing (so 13)
 11 marg. *carried the ark of the LORD—caused the ark of the LORD to*
 compass
 15 dele marg.
 18 ye became devoted, when ye—when ye have devoted, ye
 21 devoted—devoted to destruction
 25 which—whom
 26 price—cost (*bis*)
 27 transfer to preceding paragraph.
- VII. 1 Achan (the British rule of *ch* only when final or before e and i, and
 c elsewhere, is probably not intended to apply to so familiar a
 name as Achan and Achor.)
 3 but few—few
 5 at the going down—in the descent (see Jer. xlviii. 5)
 7 God—Jehovah
 11 transgressed—even transgressed
 14 shall take—taketh (*bis*)
 20 I have—it is I that have
 21 one—a (*bis*)
 25 so--and (the second stoning is distinct from the first.)
 26 And—So
- VIII. 4 Behold—See
 6 and they—for they
 10 numbered—mustered
 11 pitched—encamped
 12 And he took—Now he had taken
 14 wist—knew
 21 And—For
 24 fill empty space
 28 an heap—a heap
 31 lift—lifted
 33 which—who
 over against—in front of (*bis*)
- IX. 3 And—But

- IX. 4 also—on their part
 5 clouted—patched
 6 We be—We are
 9 which—who
 13 they be—they are
 24 of our lives—for our lives
 thine hand—thy hand
- X. 1 devoted it—devoted it to destruction
 7 and all the mighty—even all the mighty
 8 thine hands—thy hand (see “hand” ver. 6)
 9 suddenly,—suddenly;
 11 going down—descent
 which—that
 15 add to preceding paragraph
 16 And—Now
 18 dele ‘for’
 20 fenced—fortified
 21 whetted—moved (add marg. Heb. *whetted*)
 24 which—that
 32 had done—did (as 28, 30) so 35, 37, 39 *bis*
- XI. 1 Achsaph—Acsaph (so *passim*)?
 5 pitched—encamped
 6 about—at
 8 Exchange marg.¹ and text.
 dele marg.²
 13 mounds—hills
 20 strengthen—harden (add marg. Or, *strengthen*) as Ex. iv. 21
- XII. 1 which—whom (so 7)
 4 that—who (the reference is to Og not to Rephaim)
 5 Salehrah—Salcah?
 Maachathites—Maacathites?
 17 Sharon—Lasharon (dele marg.)
- XIII. 3 dele marg.² (as Shihor Jer. ii. 18 means the Nile, which is probab^{ly}
 not the stream intended here).
 Canaanite—Canaanites
 five lords—the five lords
 Eshkalonites—Ashkelonites (as formed from Ashkelon, and not
 governed by the vowel changes in the Hebrew derivative)
 Avim—Ayyim (comp. xviii. 23)
 6 dele marg.
 10 which—who (so 12, 21)
 12 Moses—for Moses (see A. V.)
 14 fire-sacrifices—fire-offerings
 18 Jahzah—Jahaz (the ending is paragogic)

- XIII. 29 *dele inheritance* (comp. vs. 15, 24)
 ~~dele~~ 'it was for'
 Manasseh—Manasseh had
- 32 the Jordan of Jericho—Jordan by Jericho (as A. V.) We were reminded some time since that the usage of the A. V. does not admit 'the' before 'Jordan.'
- XIV. 7 mine—my
 12 fenced—fortified
 15 Kirjath-arba; *which Arba was* the—the city of Arba, the (add marg. Heb. *Kirjath-arba*)
- XV. 9 well of the waters of—fountain of water at (see A. V. and Smith's Dict. of Bible s. v. Nephthoi)
 11 Shicron—Shicaron
 13 Conform to xiv. 15
 29 Iim—Ijim
 43 Jiphtah—Iphthah
- XVI. 1 went—came (as A. V. in xix. 1 etc. and better suiting the act of drawing the lot)
 the Jordan of Jericho—Jordan by Jericho
 2 Archite—Archites
 3 Japhletite—Japhletites
 7 Naarath—Naarah (see Gesen. and Fuerst)
 9 among—in the midst of
- XVII. 1 Joseph; *to wit*, for—Joseph. As for (this parenthetic clause states that Machir had already been provided for, and consequently had no share in this lot)
 Gilead:—Gilead,
- XVIII. 15 well of the waters of—fountain of water at
 18 the Arabah—Arabah (*bis*) the article dropped as in xv. 6
 19 end—uttermost part (as xv. 5 and *passim*)
- XIX. 1 went—came (as A. V.) so 10, 17, 24, 32, 40, see xviii. 11
 13 is drawn unto—stretcheth toward
 14 Jiphtah-el—Iphthah-el (so 27)
 28 exchange text and marg.
 29 fenced—fortified (so 35)
 from the coast to—by the region of (see Dt. iii. 1, xiii. 14)
 ~~dele~~ marg.²
 Achizib—Aczib?
 32 to—for (as next clause and *passim*)
 42 Jithlah—Ithlah
 43 Thinnathah—Tinnah (as xv. 10, 57, the paragogic termination neglected as *passim*)
 46 Japho—Joppa
 47 from them: and—beyond these: for

XIX. 47 add marg. to "Leshem" *Laish* in Judg. xviii. 29

50 mount—the hill country of (as xxiv. 33)

51 Tent of Meeting—tent of meeting (so xviii. 1)

XX. 3 killeth—smiteth (as ver. 5), so 9

7 sanctified—consecrated

8 the Jordan of—Jordan by

XXI. 4 went—came

which—who (so 10)

11 conform to xiv. 15

25 Tanach—Taanach (as xvii. 11 and *passim*)

45 thing—word

XXII. 7 gave Joshua—Joshua gave

11 on the side—on the other side

17 and ye must needs—that ye must

22 The LORD, the God of gods—The Mighty God, the LORD (as

Ps. l. 1) *bis*

23 that we have built—to build

26 prepare to build us—do *this* for us, let us build

29 turn—turn away (as 16, 18, 23)

30 which—who

34 for—for, *said they*,

XXIII. 4 westward—toward the going down of the sun (as i. 4)

5 from out of your sight—out from before you (as in first clause)

7 make oath—cause to swear (as A. V.)

13 drive—drive out

out of your sight—before you (as A. V.)

14 thing—word (*bis*)

things—words

XXIV. 4 sons—children (as A. V.)

5 among them—in the midst of it

7 have seen—saw

8 which—who

13 wherein—for which (as A. V.) see Isa. lxii. 8

15 on the other side of the flood—beyond the River (as ver. 3)

17 which—that (so 18)

19 an holy—a holy

20 If—When

26 by—in (the sanctuary meant was not a building, but a place)

29 an hundred—a hundred

JUDGES.

[N. B.—It is proposed that the rendering which follows the dash take the place of the one which precedes it.]

- I. 1 first against the Canaanites—~~against the Canaanites~~ first (as A. V.)
 7 ~~meat—food~~ (dele marg.¹)
 17 read “devoted it to destruction”
 18 Askelon—Ashkelon
 23 descry—spy out
 26 which—the same
 31 Acco? Aczib? (should these follow the rule stated to us that “Caph is represented by *c*, except when final or before *e* or *i*”?)
 34 would—did
 35 dele marg.¹
- II. 1 dele marg.³ Fill the vacant space in this verse. We cannot conceive why such arbitrary pauses in the masoretic text should be reproduced.
 you. 2 And—you: 2 and
 altars: but—altars. But
 3 a scourge—thorns (see A. V.)
 marg.⁴ Josh. xxiii. 13—Num. xxxiii. 55
 8 an hundred—a hundred
 12 which—who
 13 Ashtaroth—the Ashtaroth (as x. 6, 1 Sam. vii. 3, 4, etc.)
 15 sore—greatly (as A. V.) ~
~
 16 which—who (as iii. 9)
 17 went a whoring—played the harlot
 19 dele “own”
- III. 2 add marg. to “that” Or, *that he might know the generations*
 add marg. to “to teach” Or, *that he might teach*
 3 five—the five
 5 read “the Canaanites, the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites
 6 to wife—~~for wives~~ (see A. V.) ~
~
 15 dele marg.¹
 16 of a cubit—a cubit in
 18 to present—of presenting

- III. 19 errand—message (so 20, as A. V.)
 king; who—king. And he
 20 summer parlour—cool upper room
 dele marg.³
 22 so that he could—for he did
 substitute text for marg.⁴; and in text read “it came out behind.”
 23 parlour—upper room (so 24, 25)
 24 summer—cool
 28 the Jordan—Jordan (as xii. 5, 6)
 29 read “all lusty, and all men of valour” (as A. V.)
 31 which—who
- IV. 2 which—who
 Gentiles—nations (see Isa. ix. 1)
 marg.² *nations—Gouin*
 5 sat—dwelt (as A. V.) but see 1 Sam. xxii. 6
 6 dele “*saying*”
 draw out—draw (so 7)
 7 thine hand—thy hand (so 14)
 11 dele marg.¹
 13 Gentiles—nations (and dele marg.) so 16
 20 inquire—ask
 21 an hammer—a hammer
 dele marg.³
- V. 2 dele marg.¹
 3 sing praise to—make melody unto
 5 exchange text and marg.²
 6 the travellers—travellers
 7 The rulers—Rulers
 marg.⁴ *The villages—Villages*
 8 chose—choose
 was—is (*bis*)
 9 lawgivers—commanders
 10 dele marg.⁶
 11 rehearse—celebrate (as xi. 40)
 13 read “Then go down, O remnant; for the nobles, O people: O
 LORD, go down for me amongst the mighty.”
 add marg. “Or, *Then let a remnant rule, even the people for nobles:*
 Let the LORD rule for me over the mighty.”
 dele marg.^{2, 3, 4, 5}
 14 governors—commanders (dele marg.⁶)
 draw out with—handle (substitute for marg.⁷ Or, *lead out with*)
 marshal’s—officer’s
 15 dele marg.^{8, 9}
 There were great resolves—Great were the resolves
 16 dele marg.¹⁰

- V. 16 There were great searchings—Great were the searchings
 17 marg.¹¹ in text
 18 was—is
 second and third hemistich in one
 19 The kings—Kings
 20 They fought from heaven:—From heaven they fought,
 22 dele marg.²
 23 exchange text and marg.³
 24 marg.⁴ in text (*bis*)
 25 butter—curds
 26 nail—pin
 30 read "Shall they not find, shall they not divide"
 read "A spoil of dyed garments to Sisera, A spoil of dyed garments
 with embroidery, A dyed garment with embroidery" etc.

- VI. 4 dele marg.² (as needlessly precise)
 10 fear not—not fear
 13 where be—where are
 forsaken—rejected
 14 dele "thou shalt"
 17 grace—favour
 19 dele "of the goats" (as A. V.) see xiii. 15, 19
 20 but pour—and pour
 22 God—Jehovah
 for because—forasmuch as
 25 exchange text and marg.⁴
 27 could not do it by day, that he did—did it not by day, but did
 31 Are ye they that will—Will ye
 will ye—or will ye
 33 pitched—encamped
 36 mine hand—my hand (so 37)
 37 in—on
 39 hot—kindled (as A. V.)
 prove—try

- VII. 1 pitched beside—encamped above
 so that—and
 3 dele "early"
 7 the Midianites—Midian
 thine hand—thy hand
 9 into—against (so 11)
 11 uttermost—outermost (so 17)
 dele marg.²
 15 host—camp
 19 brake—dashed in pieces
 20 lamps—torches (see 16)
 dele "withal"

VII. 20 The sword—A sword

22 dele marg.²

25 upon—at

add marg. to “beyond” Or, *from beyond*VIII. 1 Why hast thou served us thus—What is this thing ~~that~~ thou hast done to us

2 grape-gleanings—gleanings

4 to pass—and passed (as A. V.)

5 be faint—are faint

6 thine hand—thy hand (so 15)

7 mine hand—my hand

9 come again—come back

10 an hundred—a hundred

14 inquired—asked

described—wrote down (dele marg.³)16 dele marg.¹21 ornaments—crescents (as Isa. iii. 18) dele marg.²

24 read “Let me make a request of you; give me”

27 went a whoring—played the harlot (so 33)

28 so that—and

IX. 1 with—unto (*bis*)

4 which—that

7 cried—called

15 shadow—shade

17 read “adventured his life” (as A. V.) add marg. Heb. *cast his life before him*24 which—who (*bis*)

27 festival—a festival

cursed—reviled

31 be come—are come

32 up—rise up (see 34)

33 set upon—rush upon (see 44)

marg.³ *thine—thy*

45 beat down—brake down

48 gat him—went

axes with him—an axe in his hand (as A. V.) substitute for marg.²Heb. *axes*

took it—took it up

51 shut it to them—shut themselves in (see Gen. vii. 16)

gat them up to—went up upon

went hard—drew near

57 evil—wickedness (as 56)

X. 7 hands—hand (*bis*)

9 sore—greatly

- XI. 1 an harlot—a harlot
 8 are we turned—we turn
 9 dele “again”
 10 the hearer—witness (substitute for marg.¹ Heb. *hearing*)
 20 pitched—encamped
 Jahzah—Jahaz (as Num. xxi. 23, Dt. ii. 32)
 26 that he—that are
 30 mine hand—my hand
 add marg. to “and” Or, *or* (as A. V.)
 36 dele “if”
- XII. 1 upon thee—over thee
 4 read “Ye Gileadites are ~~the~~ fugitives of Ephraim in” (see A. V.)
 11 Zebulonite—Zebulunite (make the same change Num. xxvi. 27)
- XIII. 6 an angel—the angel
 8 which—whom
 12 his work—what ^{Shall} ~~is to~~ be done unto him
 16 dele “up” (so 19)
 25 dele “at times”
- XIV. 1 Timnathah—Timnah (as Gen. xxxviii. 12, 13, 14 and *passim*, see xv. 6 and Comp. 1 Sam. viii. 4) *bis* so 2, 5 *bis*
 3 never—not
 4 had rule—ruled
 8 in the carcase—in the body
 9 read “went on, eating as he went”
 carcase—body
 14 meat—food
 15 exchange text and marg.¹
 16 read “the riddle that thou hast put forth”
 and hast not told it—thou hast not told
 told it—told
 18 why hemistichs here and not in ver. 14?
 19 which—that
- XV. 1 would—did
 3 a displeasure—evil
 9 pitched—encamped
 14 bands—bonds
 15 new—fresh
 19 read “the name thereof was called”
- XVI. 1 an harlot—a harlot
 2 marg.³ in text
 7 green withs—~~fresh sinews~~
 9 abiding with—abiding for

XVI. 9 chamber—inuer chamber (so 12)

withs—~~sine~~ws

10 mightest—mayest (so 13)

15 thine heart—thy heart

17 mine head—my head (as 13)

18 shewed—told (as 17)

20 wist—knew

23 for to offer—to offer

24 which—who

28 God—Jehovah

30 all his—*all his*

XVII. 3 wholly—verily

4 But—So

5 an house—a house

13 a Levite to—the Levite for

XVIII. 1 for inheritance—an inheritance

2 coasts—borders

4 I am—I am become (see xvii. 5)

5 dele “counsel”

7 authority—control

business—dealings

latter half of verse reserved.

10 hands—hand

12 pitched—encamped (as xx. 19)

add marg. to “Mahaneh-dan” That is, *The Camp of Dan*

14 have to do—will do

16 which—who

19 thine hand—thy hand

23 cried—called

27 priest which—priest that

unto—upon (*bis*)

28 business—dealings

31 established—established for them

XIX. 1 dele “a wife”

2 dele marg.²

3 again—back (dele marg.³)

5 Comfort thine—Strengthen thy (so 8)

dele “your way”

6 thine heart—thy heart (so 9)

9 the tent—thy tents

10 two—a couple of (as 3)

11 the city—this city (as A. V.)

14 on and went their way—and went on

15 sat him—sat

- XIX. 18 toward—unto
 mount—the hill country of
 I: judah,—I, judah.
 add marg. to “I am going” Or, *I frequent*
 19 which—who
 22 men who were sons of Belial—base men
 prefix to marg.¹ Heb. *sons of worthlessness*
 thine house—thy house
 23 mine house—my house
 25 spring—dawn (see Josh. vi. 15)
 26 in the dawning—at the breaking
 28 gat him—went
 30 advise—take counsel
- XX. 3 said the children of Israel—the children of Israel said
 9 shall be—is
 10 an hundred—a hundred (*bis*)
 victual—~~victuals~~
 Gebah—Gibeah (as *passim*) The change in orthography would be
 confusing to English readers. Besides the exact transliteration
 would not be “Gebah” but “Geba”
 12 tribes—tribe (add marg. Heb. *tribes*)
 13 men, the sons of Belial, which—base men, that
 15 which—that
 16 an—a
 28 thine hand—thy hand
 33 Geba—Gibeah
 35 an hundred—a hundred
 40 ascended up—went up *in smoke*
 42 which—that
 46 which—who
 47 rock Rimmon—rock of Rimmon (as preceding clause)
 48 both the city of men and—the entire city with the (dele marg.²)
- XXI. 8 to Mizpah to the LORD—to the LORD to Mizpah (as 5)
 11 devote—devote to destruction
 13 rock Rimmon—rock of Rimmon (as xx. 47)
 14 which—whom
 15 because that—because
 17 read “There is an inheritance for them that are escaped of Benjamin
 and a tribe must not be”
 19 There is a—the
 in Shilo from year to year—is from year to year in Shiloh
 dele *in a place*
 21 Shilo—Shiloh (*bis*) the customary and familiar form of the name

ADDENDUM.

Isa. xxxiii. 20 removed—plucked up (as Judg xvi. 3)

RUTH.

- I. 1 dele "certain" (comp. Judg. xv. 4, 1 Sam. xxvi. 20, and elsewhere ;
but see Judg. ix. 53, xiii. 2, 1 Sam. i. 1)
field—country (so 2, 3 *bis*, 22)
11 Turn again—Return (as 8) so 12
12 an husband—a husband (*bis*)
21 home again—back
22 which—who
- II. 1 a kinsman—an acquaintance
2 go—go to (*erratum*)
corn—grain (so 14)
grace—favour (as 13) so 10
3 came—entered in
6 field—country
7 now. that—now ;
a little—but little
8 go from—pass from
10 stranger—foreigner (as Judg. xix. 12)
11 It—There
shewed—told (as 19)
thine husband—thy husband
how—that
13 thine—thy (*bis*)
14 Come—Draw nigh
22 dele marg.²
- III. 2 marg.³ in text
kinsman—acquaintance
3 get thee—go
4 lay thee—lie
7 went—came in
corn—grain
laid her—lay
9 thine handmaid—thy handmaid (*bis*)
11 a virtuous—an excellent
15 veil—mantle (dele marg.^{6,7})
18 fall—fall out

- IV. 1 sat him—sat
 3 come again—returned
 field—country
 4 dele marg.²
 he will—thou wilt (add marg. Heb. *he will*)
 am—~~come~~
 7 changing—exchanging
 for to—to
 8 Therefore—And
 11 thine house—thy house
 14 which—who (so 15 *bis*)
 20 Salmah—Salmon (add marg. Heb. *Salmah*)

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JUDGES.

[N. B.—It is proposed that the rendering which follows the dash take the place of the one which precedes it.]

- I. 7 *meat—food* (dele marg.¹)
 17 read “devoted it to destruction”
 18 Askelon—Ashkelon
 23 descry—spy out
 26 which—the same
 31 Acco? Aczib? (should these follow the rule stated to us that “Caph is represented by *c*, except when final or before *e* or *i*”?)
 34 would—did
 35 dele marg.¹
- II. 1 dele marg.³ Fill the vacant space in this verse. We all fail to see why such arbitrary pauses in the masoretic text should be reproduced.
 you. 2 And—you: 2 and
 altars: but—altars. But
 3 *a scourge—thorns* (see A. V.)
 marg.⁴ Josh. xxiii. 13—Num. xxxiii. 55
 8 an hundred—a hundred
 12 which—who
 13 Ashtaroth—the Ashtaroth (as x. 6, 1 Sam. vii. 3, 4, etc.)
 16 which—who (as iii. 9)
 17 went a whoring—played the harlot
 19 dele “own”
 20 hath—have
- III. 2 add marg. to “that” Or, *that he might know the generations*
 add marg. to “to teach” Or, *that he might teach*
 3 five—the five
 5 read “the Canaanites, the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites”
 15 dele marg.¹
 16 of a cubit—a cubit in
 18 to present—of presenting
 19 errand—message (so 20, as A. V.)
 king; who—king. And he

- III. 20 summer parlour—cool upper room
 dele marg.³
 22 so that he could—for he did
 substitute text for marg.⁴; and in text read "it came out behind."
 23 parlour—upper room (so 24, 25)
 24 summer—cool
 28 the Jordan—Jordan (as xii. 5, 3)
 29 read "all lusty, and all men of valour" (as A. V.)
 31 which—who
- IV. 2 which—who
 Gentiles—nations (see Isa. ix. 1)
 marg.² *nations—troim*
 4 Lapidoth—Lappidoth"
 6 dele "saying"
 draw out—draw (so 7)
 7 thine hand—thy hand (so 14)
 11 dele marg.¹
 13 Gentiles—nations (and dele marg.) so 16
 15 off—from off (as i. 14)
 20 inquire—ask
 21 an hammer—a hammer
 dele marg.³
- V. 2 dele marg.¹
 3 sing praise to—make melody unto
 5 exchange text and marg.²
 6 the travellers—travellers
 7 The rulers—Rulers
 marg.⁴ *The vil'ages—Villages*
 8 chose—choose
 was—is (*bis*)
 9 lawgivers—commanders
 10 dele marg.⁶
 11 rehearse—celebrate (as xi. 40)
 12 thy captivity captive—captive thy captives (so Ps. lxxviii. 18)
 13 read "Then go down, O remnant; for the nobles, O people. O
 LORD, go down for me amongst the mighty."
 add marg. "Or, *Then let a remnant rule, even the people for nobles:*
Let the LORD rule for me over the mighty."
 dele marg.^{2, 3, 4, 5}
 14 governors—commanders (dele marg.⁶)
 draw out with—handle (substitute for marg.⁷ Or, *lead out with*)
 marshal's—officer's
 15 dele marg.^{8, 9}
 There were great resolves—Great were the resolves
 16 dele marg.¹⁰

- V. 16 There were great searchings—Great were the searchings
 17 marg.¹¹ in text
 18 was—is
 second and third hemistich in one
 19 The kings—Kings
 20 They fought from heaven:—From heaven they fought,
 22 dele marg.²
 23 exchange text and marg.³
 24 marg.⁴ in text (*bis*)
 25 butter—cards
 26 nail—pin
 30 read "Shall they not find, shall they not divide"
 read "A spoil of dyed garments to Sisera, A spoil of dyed garments
 with embroidery, A dyed garment with embroidery" etc.
- VI. 4 dele marg.² (as needlessly precise)
 10 fear not—not fear
 13 Oh—O (so 15) "O" represents the vocative; "Oh" expresses
 emotion.
 where be—where are
 forsaken—rejected
 14 dele "thou shalt"
 17 grace—favour
 19 dele "of the goats" (as A. V.) see xiii. 15, 19
 20 but pour—and pour
 22 God—Jehovah
 for because—forasmuch as
 25 exchange text and marg.⁴
 27 could not do it by day, that he did—did it not by day, but did
 31 Are ye they that will—Will ye
 will ye—or will ye
 33 pitched—encamped
 36 mine hand—my hand (so 37)
 37 in—on
 38 wringed—wrung (as always elsewhere)
 39 hot—kindled (as A. V.)
 prove—try
- VII. 1 pitched beside—encamped above
 so that—and
 3 dele "early"
 7 the Midianites—Midian
 thine hand—thy hand (so 9, 11)
 9 into—against (so 11)
 11 uttermost—outermost (so 17)
 dele marg.²
 15 host—camp

- VII. 19 brake—dashed in pieces
 20 lamps—torches (see 16)
 dele “withal”
 19 The sword—A sword
 22 dele marg.²
 25 upon—at
 rock Oreb—rock of Oreb (as Isa. x. 26) see next clause and comp.
 rock of Rimmon, xx. 45, 47
 add marg. to “beyond” Or, *from beyond*
- VIII. 1 Why hast thou served us thus—What is this thing thou hast done
 unto us
 2 grape-gleanings—gleanings
 4 to pass—and passed (as A. V.)
 5 be faint—are faint
 6 thine hand—thy hand (so 15)
 7 mine hand—my hand
 9 come again—come back
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 7 cried—called
 15 shadow—shade
 17 read “adventured his life” (as A. V.) add marg. Heb. *cast his life*
 before him
 24 which—who (*bis*)
 27 festival—a festival
 cursed—reviled
 31 be come—are come
 32 up—rise up (see 31)
 33 set upon—rush upon (see 44)
 marg.³ *thine—thy*
 45 beat down—brake down
 48 gat him—went
 axes with him—an axe in his hand (as A. V.) substitute for marg.²
 Heb. *axes*
 took it—took it up
 51 shut it to them—shut themselves in (see Gen. vii. 16)
 gat them up to—went up upon

- IX. 52 went hard—drew near
 57 evil—wickedness (as 56)
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 8 which—whom
 12 his work—what should be done unto him
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dele *in a place*

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 11 Turn again—Return (as 8) so 12
 12 an husband—a husband (*bis*)
 21 home again—back
 22 which—who
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 2 go—go to (*erratum*)
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 7 changing—exchanging
 for to—to
 8 Therefore—And
 11 thine house—thy house
 14 which—who (so 15 *bis*)
 20 Salmah—Salmon (add marg. Heb. *Salmah*)

I SAMUEL.

- I. 1 Ephrathite—Ephraimite (as Judg. xii. 5)
 5 marg.¹ in text
 6 for to—to
 11 thine handmaid—thy handmaid (3 times) so 16, 18
 16 daughter of Belial—base woman
 18 grace—favour
 23 abide,—tarried (as in preceding clause)
 suck—suck,
 24 in Shilo—to Shiloh
 28 lent him—yielded him up (dele marg.^{1, 2, 3})
 lent—yielded up
- II. 1 Mine horn—My horn
 4 the mighty—mighty
 5 dele marg.²
 6 marg.³ in text
 8 poor—afflicted
 That he may set them among—To make them sit with
 And make—And he maketh
 the throne—a throne
 9 holy one—holy ones (dele marg.⁴) The *scriptio defectiva* does not
 suggest a various reading any more than in ver. 10
 12 sons of Belial—base men
 16 any man—the man
 Let them not fail to—They will surely
 20 loan—petition (as i. 14) dele marg.⁴
 lent for—asked of
 22 heard—he heard
 Tent of Meeting—tent of meeting
 23 of these your evil dealings—evil things of you
 the people—this people
 24 dele marg.^{1, 2}
 26 was—increased
 28 marg.^{3, 4, 5} in text
 fire-sacrifices—fire-offerings
 29 which are my people's—my people
 31 thine house—thy house (so 32, 33, 36)

- II. 32 *my*—*my* (as 29)
 in all—amidst all
 wealth—good
 given—done
 35 mine heart—my heart
- III. 1 marg.³ in text.
 open—frequent (from marg.⁴)
 3 laid—lain
 8 had called—was calling
 12 confirm—perform (as A. V.) as Gen. xxvi. 3, 1 Sam. xv. 11, 13,
 Jer. xxviii. 16, xxix. 10, xxxiii. 14, xxxiv. 18, xxxv. 16, etc.
 when I—I will
 15 opened—he opened
 shew—tell
 17 any thing—a word
 things—words
 18 whit—word
 21 Shilo—Shiloh
- IV. 1 Now—And (not to be severed from the preceding statement, but its
 consequence)
 pitched—encamped (*bis*)
 4 which—who
 10 into—to
- V. 4 ground—earth
 11 again—back
 his own—its own
- VI. 2 his place—its place
 3 guilt-offering—trespass-offering (so 8, 17)
 6 make your heart stubborn—harden your heart
 made their heart stubborn—hardened their heart
 7 make—prepare
 tie—bind
 home—back home
 10 tied—bound
 12 way of—way to
 the highway—a highway (dele marg.¹)
 14 dele “up” (as A. V. and ver. 15) so 10
 18 fenced—fortified
 21 again—back
- VII. 1 in—on
 marg.¹ *Gibeah*—*in Gibeah*
 8 dele “will”

VIII. 3 way—ways (dele marg.¹)

7 read " for it is not thou, whom they have rejected "

13 confectionaries—perfumers (from marg.¹)

18 which—whom

IX. 1 Bechorath—Becorath (?)

2 dele " cheer."

3 dele marg.¹

5 come to—come into

6 shew—tell (so 8)

9 he is—he that is

Prophet that—Prophet (as A. V.)

13 as soon as ye be—when ye are

be bidden—are bidden

get you—go ye

14 came out against them—was going out toward them

for to go—to go

15 told Samuel in his ear—revealed to Samuel (as 2 Sam. vii. 27)

16 that he may—and he shall

19 to-morrow—in the morning

thine heart—thy heart

21 tribes—tribe (add marg. Heb. *tribes*)

22 read " and gave them a place at the head of them that were bidden,
who

26 spring—dawning (as Josh. vi. 15)

27 to the end—at the end

X. 2 left the care of—left off caring for

7 marg.⁴ in text

that thou do as occasion serve thee—thou shalt do whatsoever thy
hand findeth *to do*

dele from marg.⁵ as *thine hand shall find*

20 And when Samuel had—So Samuel (comp. Josh. vii. 16, 17)

the tribe—and the tribe

21 And when he had—And he

the family—and the family

when they—they

he could—but he could

22 fill the vacant space

27 children of Belial—base men

XI. 2 *a covenant*—a covenant

7 marg.¹ in text

11 was so—came to pass

XII. 6 advanced—appointed

7 of all—concerning all

- XII. 8 then your—and your (as A. V.)
 and the—then the
 which—who
 11 dele marg.¹
 14 be followers—shall be followers
 25 do—shall still do (as A. V.)
- XIII. 2 dele “whereof”
 5 pitched—encamped
 12 read “Now will the Philistines come down”
 15 gat him up—went up
 16 Geba—Gibeah
 23 passage—pass
- XIV. 4 passages—passes
 5 situate—a pillar
 7 thine heart—thy heart (as next clause)
 14 exchange text and marg.¹
 19 fill vacant space (so 36)
 thine hand—thy hand
 21 which—that (so 22)
 22 mount—the hill country of
 24 dele “any” (as 28)
 26 a stream of honey—the honey dropped (as A. V.)
 43 mine hand—my hand
 45 God forbid—far from it
- XV. 3 devote—devote to destruction
 4 summoned—called (the people) together (as A. V. 1 Sam. xxiii. 8.)
 14 the sheep—sheep
 the oxen—oxen
 15 devoted—devoted to destruction
 32 delicately—cheerfully
 35 came no more to see Saul—saw Saul no more
- XVI. 1 thine horn—thy horn
 6 Eliab—add marg. In 1 Chron. xxvii. 18 *Elihu*
 7 countenance—appearance
 it is—I see
 9 Shammah—add marg. In 2 Sam. xiii. 3 *Shimeah*, 1 Chron. ii. 13
 Shimea
 12 withal—also
 fill vacant space
 16 which—that
 cunning—skillful (so 18)
- XVII. 1 pitched—encamped (so 2)
 Ephes-dammin—add marg. In 1 Chron. xi. 13 *Pas-dammim*

- XVII. 2 set the battle in array—set themselves in array for battle
 3 there was a valley—the valley was
 7 staff—shaft (dele marg.³) as Isa. xlix. 2
 8 cried—called (dele marg.⁴)
 a Philistine—the Philistine
 20-22 dele marg.^{3, 4, 5} and marg.¹
 21 put the battle—set themselves
 25 exchange text and marg. (see 10)
 26 reproach—defy
 27 manner—⁵manner
 28 thine heart—thy heart
 29 Is there not a cause—Was it not a *mere* word (dele marg.⁴)
 32 marg.¹ in text
 36 reproached—defied (so 45)
 37 fill vacant space
 42 dele "but"
 withal of a fair countenance—also fair to look upon
 46 dele marg.^{2, 3}
 mine hand—my hand
 thine head—thy head
 51 upon—over
 52 Gai—Gath (substitute for marg.¹ Heb. *Gai*.)
 55 cannot tell—know not
 56 Inquire—Ask
- XVIII. 5 exchange text and marg.² (as ver. 14)
 11 avoided out of—turned away from (as xvii. 30)
 17 mine hand—my hand
 22 Commune with—Speak to
 25 an hundred—a hundred.
 30 set by—prized
- XIX. 7 shewed—told
 those—these
 13 exchange text and marg.¹ (so 16)
 22 well—cistern
- XX. 2 God forbid—Far from it
 3 grace—favour
 9 and should not tell it thee—would not I tell it thee?
 12 The LORD—The LORD,
 and, behold—behold
 19 marg.⁵ Heb.—Or
 marg.⁵ *business*—evil deed
 24 sat him—sat
 meat—food
 34 meat—food

XX. 36 dele marg.²40 artillery—weapons (dele marg.³)

41 ground—earth

42 the verse should not be divided (dele marg.⁴)

XXI. 3 thine hand—thy hand

mine hand—my hand (so 4)

5 reserved

9 fill vacant space

10 for fear—because

went—came

13 scrambled—scrawled

XXII. 5 Hareth—Hereth

6 tree—tamarisk (dele marg.¹)exchange text and marg.²

7 give—also give

8 marg.³ in text

9 which—who (so 14)

13 hast given—didst give

hast asked—didst ask

14 apart to—into

thine house—thy house

17 guard—guards

fled—was fleeing

18 fell—he fell (emphatic pronoun in Hebrew; so A. V.)

persons—men

23 fear not :—fear not ;

XXIII. 2 fill vacant space (so 11)

3 we be—we are

4 thine hand—thy hand

5 read “ And David saved ”

7 substitute for marg.¹ Heb. *estranged*

mine hand—my hand

8 summoned—called together (as A. V.)

10, 11 LORD—LORD,

12 me up—up me

13 which—who

14 dwelt—abode (as A. V. and as next clause)

holds, and—holds; and he

19 exchange text and marg.² (so 24)

22 prepare—give heed

23 throughout—among (to avoid alliteration)

25 they told—it was told

26 for fear—because

27 spread themselves over—made a raid upon (as xxvii. 10, xxx. 1)

XXIV. 3 abode—were abiding

1 thine hand—thy hand (so 15, 18, 20)

6 stretch forth—put forth

mine hand—my hand (so 10 *bis*, 11, 12, 13)

7 checked—stayed (as A. V.)

10 dele "had"

11 soul—life

15 thee, and see—thee; and let him see

19 reward—shall reward

22 gat them up—went up

XXV. 3 countenance—form

dele marg.^{1, 2}

4 did shear—was shearing

6 thine house—thy house (so 35)

8 thine hand—thy hand

10 there be—there are

11 whom—of whom

they be—they are

13 stuff—baggage (as xvii. 22)

14 flew upon—railed at (as A. V.)

add marg. Or, *flew upon*

15 were conversant—went up and down
fields—field

17 for he—and he

son of Belial—base man

18 corn—grain

an hundred—a hundred

lumps—cakes (as Isa. xxxviii. 21)

20 against—over against

22 read "any male" (voted unanimously)

23 her ass—the ass

24 thine handmaid—thy handmaid (*bis*, so 25, 28, 31, 41)

25 man of Belial—base man

28 house: . . . LORD,—house, . . . LORD;

hath not been found in—shall not be found with (not past character
but future destiny)

30 shall have done—shall do

have appointed—appoint

31 causeless—without cause

shall have dealt—shall deal

32 which—who (so 33, 31, 41)

31 read "surely not a male had been left" (unanimous)

44 marg.¹ in text

XXVI. 1 (figure omitted)

exchange text and marg.² (so 3)

XXVI. 3 pitched—encamped (so 5)

7 and his—with his

8 thine hand—thy hand

9 can stretch—hath put
and be—and been

11 stretch forth mine—put forth my (so 23)

15 dele “*valiant*”

18 doth my lord thus pursue—is it that my lord pursueth

25 and thou shalt—and shalt surely

XXVII. 5 grace—favour

8 Gerzites—Girzites

marg.⁴ *Gezoites* (misprint)—Gezrites (from Gezer)
which—that

9 read “sheep, and oxen, and asses, and camels, and apparel”

11 on us—of us (“tell on us” is a vulgarism here)

12 therefore he shall be—and he is become

XXVIII. 2 Wherefore—Therefore

mine head—my head

4 pitched—encamped (*bis*)

7 enquire (2 Sam. v. 23, inquire—which spelling is to be adopted?)

14 ground—earth

worshipped—did obeisance (as xxiv. 8, etc.)

15 sore distressed—in a great strait (as 2 Sam. xxiv. 14, and less subjective)

17 dele marg.³

thine hand—thy hand

18 executedst—execute

21 thine handmaid—thy handmaid (so 22)

XXIX. 1 pitched—encamped

2 rereward—rearward

3 read “What *do* these Hebrews *here*?” (as A. V.)

4 go again—go back

10 ye be—ye are

XXX. 1 and Ziklag—and upon Ziklag

2 great and small—small and great

10 which—who (so 17, 21)

so faint that they could not—too faint to (see Ruth i. 12, etc.) so 21.

13 agone—ago

16 keeping festival—dancing (as A. V.)

21 whom—and whom

dele “also”

XXX. 22 men of Belial—base men
 ought—ought

24 For—And
 but—for

27-31 which—that (13 times)

XXXI. 13 tree—tamarisk (dele marg.¹)

II SAMUEL.

- I. 2 camp—host (so 3)
 4 That the—The
 5 be dead—are dead
 9 upon—over (so 10)
 dele marg.¹
 10 was sure—knew
 11 hold on—hold of
 14 stretch forth thine—put forth thy
 18 exchange text and marg.² (so Josh. x. 13)
 19 dele marg.³
 21 dele marg.¹
 23 Lovely—That were lovely
 they were not—were not
 24 put on—put
- II. 6 will requite you this kindness—shew you this favour (see 1 Sam. ii.
 26, xxix. 6)
 7 your master Saul—Saul, your lord (see ver. 5, x. 3, xiv. 15)
 14 now arise—arise, I pray thee
 15 which pertained to—for
 to—for
 20 Art thou—Is it thou (as 1 Kin. xviii. 7, 8)
 I am—It is I
 21 of him—him
 25 an hill—a hill
 31 dele “*so that*”
 died—that died
- III. 6 held strongly by—shewed himself strong for
 8 read “upon me this day the fault”
 10 translate—transfer
 14 which—whom
 an hundred—a hundred
 15 dele “even”
 22 from their troop—from a foray (from marg.¹) add marg. Heb. *the troop*
 29 on the sword—by the sword

- III. 30 Now—So
 had slain—slew (as A. V.)
 37 For—So
 39 be—are
- IV. 3 were—have been
 6 attach marg.¹ to “as though” and read Heb. *fetching wheat*
 8 which—who
- V. 2 fill vacant space
 6 which—who
 exchange text and marg.¹, substituting in latter “keep” for “shalt take”
 thinking—meaning (dele marg.²)
 8 read “let him reach by the watercourse both the lame” etc.
 add marg. to “There are” Or, *the blind and the lame shall not come into the house* (as A. V. text)
 10 God of hosts—the God of hosts
 11 an house—a house
 14 these be—these are
 17 But—Now
 hold—stronghold
 18 Now—And
 19 inquired—asked (so 23)
 mine hand—my hand
 fill vacant space
 thine hand—thy hand
 20 attach marg.² to “Baal” and read That is, *The place of breaking forth*
 23 dele “but”
 marg.¹ dele “Heb. *Becaim*. Perhaps,” and read Or, *balsam trees*
- VI. 2 attach marg.³ to “dwelleth” and read “Or, *sitteth* above”
 5 timbrels—tabrets
 sistra—timbrels
 7 dele marg.¹
 13 Exchange text and marg.
 21 which—who
 22 add marg. to “of” Or, *with* (bis)
 23 Therefore—And
- VII. 2 an house—a house (so 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 27)
 3 thine heart—thy heart
 4 fill vacant space
 8 so shalt—thus shalt
 9 great ones—great men (as A. V.)
 12 be fulfilled—are fulfilled
 which—that

VII. 13 stablish—establish

15 mercy—kindness (as 1 Kin. iii, 6, etc. etc.)

16 thine house—thy house

18 God—Jehovah (so 19 *bis*, 20, 28, 29)19 this is the law—is this the manner (A. V.) add marg. Or, *this is the law*

21 wrought all this greatness—done all these great things (as A. V.)

know it—know them

23 dele “*their*”

work—do

greatness—great

25 said—spoken (as preceding clause)

VIII. 4 an hundred—a hundred

18 Jehoiada, and—Jehoiada *was over* both (as A. V.)marg.⁸ In—See xx. 23 (and dele “*was over*”)Exchange text and marg.⁹

IX. 3 which—who

13 on—of (as 3)

X. 6 stank before—were become odious to (see 1 Chron. xix. 6)

8 put their battle in array—set themselves in array for battle

9 face—front (as A. V.) and see xi. 15

10 Abshai—Abishai (dele marg.¹)

12 do—will do

15 put to the worse—smitten

16 and Shobach—with Shobach

18 that he—and he

XI. 3 marg.¹ Or,—In 1 Chron. iii. 5,4 add marg. to “for she was purified” Or, *and she purified herself*

10 thine house—thy house

11 mine house—my house

15 held watch against—besieged

16 dele marg.³

the valiant—valiant

17 people of the—people, the

20 approached—went (as 21)

21 add marg. to “Jerubbesheth.” In Judg. vi. 32 *Jerubbaal*

22 shewed—told

24 be dead—are dead

27 took her home—brought her into (as Dt. xxii. 2)

XII. 10 thine house—thy house

13 fill vacant space

18 marg.¹ in text (as A. V.)

XII. 22 whether—but

dele “not”

31 malean—the brickkiln (with marg. Another reading is, *the place of Moloch*.)

XIII. 3 subtil—subtle

8 laid—lying

thine hand—thy hand

14 overpowered her—was stronger than she (as A. V.)

16 dele marg.¹

20 Aminon—Amnon (dele marg.³)

22 dele “his brother”

34 hill—mountain

35 come—are come

39 dele marg.³

XIV. 1 against—toward (from marg.⁴)

5 dele “woman”

7 thine handmaid—thy handmaid (as 6) so 12

said—say (required by the consecution of tenses in English)

8 thine house—thy house

11 a revenger—the avenger (as *passim*)

13 thought—devised

which—that

fetch home again—bring back

14 hath devised—deviseth

20 an angel—the angel

all things that are—all that is

21 agun—back

22 grace—favour

24 and let him—but he shall

26 polled—shaved (3 times)

27 of a fair countenance—fair to look upon

32 let me see—I must see

XV. 2 read “man who had a suit was coming”

8 agun—back

11 called—invited (as 1 Sam. ix. 24, 2 Sam. xiii. 23)

12 dele marg.³

14 read “for there shall be no escape for us from Absalom”

15 marg.¹ in text

46 which—who

18 which—that

19 stranger—foreigner

get thee—go

20 exchange text and marg.

25 again—back

- XV. 26 thus say—say thus
 dele “behold”
 27 Seest thou—Art thou a seer (dele marg.²)
 28 passages—passes
 certify—tell
 37 and—when
- XVI. 1 an hundred—a hundred (*bis*)
 bottle—skin (so also 1 Sam. i. 24, x. 3, xvi. 20, xxv. 18, Josh. ix.
 4, 13 [wine-skins], Judg. iv. 19, Ps. cxix. 83 [skin-bottle])
 2 be—are (*bis*)
 4 are—is
 bow myself down—do obeisance
 grace—favour
 7 men of Belial—base men
 10 marg.¹ *so—thus* (dele *let him curse*)
 11 which—who
 13 fill vacant space
 hill’s—mountain’s
 14 return to A. V. in first clause
 21 which—whom
 23 inquired—asked
- XVII. 6 not;—not,
 8 be—are (*bis*)
 chafed in their minds—in bitterness of soul (as 1 Sam. i. 10) and
 dele marg.
 9 be—are
 10 which be—that are
 11 restore A. V. with omission of “thine own”
 14 fill vacant space
 16 passages—passes
 18 a man’s house—the house of a man
 which—who
 19 a covering—the covering
 20 is—are
 be—are
 23 dele “home”
 25 a man’s son—the son of a man
 26 pitched—encamped
- XVIII. 2 fill vacant space
 4 gate side—side of the gate
 9 chanced to meet—met (as A. V.)
 12 mine—my (*bis*)
 read “Take heed each of you concerning the young man” (dele
 marg.³ which has *erratum* “*Have*” for “*I have*”)

XVIII. 13 in parenthesis (and there is no matter hid from the king;) held thyself aloof—set thyself against me

19 dele "good"

22 Cushite—the Cushite (as elsewhere) so 32

23 overran—outran

25 came apace—came on (not speed, but continuance)

28 which—who

33 dele marg.

would God—would

for thee—instead of thee

XIX. 5 which—who (so 16)

17 plunged into—passed through

in the presence of—before (as A. V.)

18 read "And the ferry boat went over"

23 Therefore—And

24 dele "*again*"

26 an ass—the ass

27 an angel—as the angel

28 but—nought but

32 of—with (as xx. 3)

lay—abode

37 turn back again—return (comp. 39)

40 Then—So

Chimhan—Chimham

marg¹ That is, *Chimham*—Heb. *Chimhan*

41 have brought—brought

42 be ye—are ye

of the king's cost—at the king's cost

XX. 1 man of Belial—base man

a trumpet—the trumpet (so 22)

5 dele *the men of*

6 fenced—fortified

8 apparel of war—apparel (as 1 Sam. xvii. 38, 39, xviii. 4)

read "apparel" also in Judg. iii. 16, 1 Sam. iv. 12

10 in the fifth—under the fifth (as elsewhere)

15 mount—mound

17 thine handmaid—thy handmaid

26 exchange text and marg⁵

XXI. 1 fill vacant space (so 6)

12 which—who (so 16)

18 marg.⁵ Or, *Sippai*—In Chron. xx. 4, *Sippai*

21 dele marg.⁷

- XXII. 1 out of the hand (*his*)—make the title of Ps. xviii conform. The renderings in this chapter should be identical with those of the Psalm throughout, except where there are divergencies in the Hebrew; and these should be accurately represented.
- 3 The God of my rock—God, my strong rock (the genitive of apposition cannot well be otherwise expressed)
trust—take refuge (change the order of the words in Ps. xviii. 2)
- 5 made—We have relinquished the attempt made in Ps. xviii. 4, 6, 20, 29, 35—12 to represent the Hebrew tenses with greater accuracy.
- 6 prevented—met (so 19) dele marg.^{1, 2}
- 8 moved—quaked
- 9 by it—thereby (so Ps. xviii. 8, instead of “therefrom”)
- 12 dele marg.⁴
- 13 read “coals of fire were kindled”
- 14 most High—Most High
- 16 And—Then
appeared—were seen
At the rebuke—By the rebuke (preposition different from next clause and from Ps. xviii)
- 17 on high (so Ps. xviii. 16, instead of “above”)
- 18 too mighty (so Ps. xviii. 17)
- 21 hath he recompensed—he recompensed
- 22 have kept—kept
have . . . departed—did . . . depart
- 23 are—were (preserving throughout the same English tense)
- 24 before—toward
- 25 Therefore (so Ps. xviii. 24, instead of “So”)
eye sight—sight
- 28 haughty—lofty
- 29 lighten—make . . . bright
- 30 upon—through
- 31 all them—all
trust—take refuge
- 33 on his way—in his way
- 34 hinds’ *fect*—the hinds
setteth me—causeth me to stand
- 38 again—back (so in Ps. xviii. 37)
- 39 could not arise—cannot arise (so in Ps. xviii. 38)
- 42 save (dele *them* inserted by us Ps. xviii. 41)
- 43 Then did I—And I
did stamp—stamped
did spread—spread (make the same changes in Ps. xviii)
- 44 head of the nations—the head of nations
have not known (so in Ps. xviii. 43, instead of “knew not”)
- 45 The strangers—Foreigners (so 46 and in Ps. xviii)
submit themselves—feign submission (dele marg.¹)

- XXII. 46 they shall shrink—shall shrink (so Ps. xviii. 45)
 close (recede from change made by us Ps. xviii. 45)
 50 sing praises—make melody (Ps. xviii. 49, insert “will”)
- XXIII. 4 *shall be—is*
 read “Through clear shining after rain
 The tender grass *springeth* out of the earth”
 5 grow—spring forth (as Isa. lxi. 11)
 6 *the sons of* Belial—base men (dele marg.³)
 all of them—they all
 7 fenced—armed
 staff—shaft
 8 These be—These are (corresponding to the change made in ver. 1.)
 10 victory—deliverance (as 1 Sam. xi. 9, 13) so 12
 spoil—take spoil (to avoid an ambiguous expression)
 11 from—before
 12 stood—set himself
 11 hold—stronghold (as *passim*)
 20 add marg. to “the two” Or, *two lion like men*
- XXIV. 2 which—who
 3 an hundredfold—a hundredfold
 5 pitched—encamped
 marg.¹ should be attached to “unto”
 11 fill vacant space, and connect with ver. 12
 13 advise thee—consider (as 2 Kin. v. 7)
 14 now—I pray
 16 slack thine—stay thy (as A. V. and 1 Chron. xxi. 15)
 Ornah—Araunah (substitute for marg.³ another reading is *Ornah*.
 In 1 Chr. xxi. 15, *Ornan*)
 17 thine hand—thy hand
 18 Araniah—Araunah (and add marg. another reading is *Araniah*)
 20 Aravnah—Araunah (so 21, 22, 23 *bis*) as A. V. like Esau, Jadau,
 and following the analogy of such names as Haggai, Isaiah,
 Mordecai, rather than the single example of Shavsha, which
 yields too harsh a sound in this instance.
 ground—earth
 22 furniture—yokes
 23 dele marg.¹ (fill vacant space)

ADDENDUM.

Iosh. xvii. 15 mount—hill country of
 Isa. xxxiii. 20 removed—plucked up (as Judg. xvi. 3)

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THE
FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL.

I. 1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite: 2 and he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. 3 And this man went up from year to year out of his city to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there, priests unto the LORD. 4 And when the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: 5 but unto Hannah he gave ¹one goodly portion: for he loved Hannah, but the LORD had shut up her womb. 6 And her adversary provoked her sore, ~~for~~ to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. 7 And *as* he did so year by year, whensoever she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. 8 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why

Or, a double portion.

catest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons? 9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon his seat by the post of the temple of the LORD. 10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a ¹man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

¹ Heb, seed of men.

12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth. 13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. 14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. 15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I poured out my soul before the LORD.

² Or, meditation.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my ²complaint and my provocation have I spoken hitherto. 17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thy petition that thou hast asked of him. 18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad. 19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD

remembered her. 20 And it came to pass in the course of time, that Hannah conceived, and bare a son; and she called his name Samuel, *saying*, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. 22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.

23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him. 24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of meal, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shilo: and the child was young.

25 And they slew the bullock, and brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. 27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: 28 therefore ¹I also have ²lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he is ³lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

¹ Or, *I have held him as asked for the LORD; all the days that he hath lived he hath been asked for the LORD.*

² Or, *given him back, whom I have obtained by petition, to the LORD.*

³ Or, *one obtained by petition for.*

- II. 1 And Hannah prayed, and said,
 My heart exulteth in the LORD,
 Mine horn is exalted in the LORD:
 My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies;
 Because I rejoice in thy salvation.
 2 There is none holy as the LORD:
 For there is none beside thee:
 Neither is there any rock like our God.

- 3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly;
 Let not arrogancy come out of your mouth:
 For the LORD is a God of knowledge,
¹And by him actions are weighed.
- 4 The bows of ~~the~~ mighty men are broken,
 And they that stumbled are girded with strength.
- 5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread;
 And they that were hungry ²have ceased:
 So that the barren hath born seven;
 And she that hath many children languisheth.
- 6 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive:
 He bringeth down to ³the grave, and bringeth up.
- 7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich:
 He bringeth low, he also lifteth up.
- 8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
 He lifteth up the needy from the dung-hill,
 That he may set them among princes,
 And make them inherit the throne of glory:
 For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S,
 And he hath set the world upon them.
- 9 He will keep the feet of his ⁴holy one;
 And the wicked shall be put to silence in darkness;
 For not by strength shall man prevail.
- 10 The LORD, they that strive with him shall be broken to pieces;
 Against them shall he thunder in heaven:
 The LORD shall judge the ends of the earth;
 And he shall give strength unto his king,
 And exalt the horn of his anointed.

¹ According to another reading, *Though actions be not weighed.*

² Or, *have rest.*

³ Heb. *Sheol.*

⁴ Another reading is, *holy ones.*

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest. 12 Now the sons of Eli were ~~sons of Belial~~; they knew not the LORD.

13 And the custom of the priests with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with his fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; 14 and he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took ¹there-with. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

¹ Or, for himself.

15 Yea before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw. 16 And if any man said unto him, ~~Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then~~ ²he would say unto him, Thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

² Another reading is, he would say, Nay, but, &c.

17 And the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for ³the men brought into contempt the offering of the LORD. 18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. 19 Moreover his mother made him a little robe, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

³ Or, men abhorred. Or, they caused men to abhor.

20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman in the room of ⁴the ~~loan~~ which was lent for the LORD. And they went unto their own home. 21 For the LORD visited Hannah, and she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

⁴ Or, that which was asked for.

22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that did service at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of these your evil dealings from all the people. 24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report ¹that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress. 25 If one man sin against another, ²God shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, for it pleased the LORD to slay them. 26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I indeed reveal myself unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? 28 ³And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to ⁴go up to mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? ⁵and did I give unto the house of thy father all the fire-sacrifices of the children of Israel? 29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation? and thou honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel, which are my people's. 30 Wherefore saith the LORD the God of Israel, Verily I said that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. 31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an

¹ Or, *which I hear the LORD's people do spread abroad.*
² Or, *the judge.*

³ Or, *And I chose.*

⁴ Or, *offer upon.*

⁵ Or, *and gave.*

old man in ~~thine~~ house. 32 And thou shalt behold ¹the affliction of ~~my~~ habitation, in all the wealth which shall be given unto Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. 33 Yet will I not cut off every man of thine from mine altar, to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thy soul: and all the increase of ~~thine~~ house shall die ²in the flower of their age. 34 And this shall be the sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them. 35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in ~~mine~~ heart and in my soul: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever. 36 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in ~~thine~~ house shall come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a morsel of bread.

III. 1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was ³precious in those days; there was no ⁴open vision.

2 And it came to pass at that time, as Eli lay down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; 3 and the lamp of God was not yet gone out, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep* in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was; 4 that the LORD called Samuel: and he said, Here am I. 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. 6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he answered,

Or, an adversary in my habitation.

² Or, when they be men.

³ Or, rare.

⁴ Or, frequent. Heb. widely spread.

I called not, my son; lie down again. 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. 8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child. 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel said, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

11 And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. 12 In that day I will confirm against Eli all that I have spoken against his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. 13 And I will shew him that I do judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons have ¹brought a curse upon themselves, and he restrained them not. 14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be ²purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever. 15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision. 16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he said, Here am I. 17 And he said, What is the thing that he hath spoken unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any-thing from me of all the things that he spake unto thee. 18 And Samuel told him every whit,

¹ Or, *made themselves accursed.*

² Or, *expiated.*

and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good. 19 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was¹ established to be a prophet of the LORD.

¹ Or, *faithful*.

21 And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in
IV. Shilo by the word of the LORD. 1 And the

word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek. 2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when² they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of³ the army in the field about four thousand men. 3 And

² Or, *the battle was spread.*
³ Heb. *the array.*

when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that it may come among us, and save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, and they brought from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, *which*⁴ dwelleth *between* the cherubim: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. 5 And it came to pass, when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, that all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again. 6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp. 7 And the Philis-

⁴ Or, *sitteth above.*

tines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore. 8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with every plague in the wilderness. 9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight. 10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. 11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died. 12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the ¹army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. 13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon his seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out. 14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man hasted, and came and told Eli. 15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were ²set, that he could not see. 16 And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the ¹army, and I fled to day out of the ¹army. And he said, What is there done, my son? 17 And he that brought the tidings answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. 18 And it came to pass,

¹ Heb. *array*.

² See 1 Kings
xiv. 4.

when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years. 19 And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and brought forth; for her pains ¹came upon her. 20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast brought forth a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. 21 And she named the child ²I-chabod, saying, The glory is ³departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. 22 And she said, The glory is ³departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

¹ Heb. *were turned.*

² Or, *Alas, the glory!*
Or, *There is no glory.*

³ Heb. *gone into captivity.*

- V. 1 And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod. 2 And when the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon; and they set it by Dagon. 3 And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. 4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only *the body of* Dagon was left to him. 5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with ¹tumours, even Ashdod and the borders thereof. 7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god. 8 They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about *thither*. 9 And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great discomfiture: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and ¹tumours brake out upon them. 10 And they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people. 11 They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and they said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly discomfiture throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. 12 And the men that died not were smitten with the tumours: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

VI. 1 And the ark of the LORD was in the ²country of the Philistines seven months. 2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do with the ark

¹ Or, *emeroils*.

² Heb. *field*.

of the LORD? teach us wherewith we shall send it to his place. 3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a guilt-offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you. 4 Then said they, What shall be the trespass-offering which we shall return to him? And they said, Five golden tumours, and five golden mice, *according to* the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on ¹you all, and on your lords. 5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your tumours, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. 6 Wherefore then do ye ~~make~~ your heart ~~stubborn~~, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh ~~made~~ their heart ~~stubborn~~? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let them go, and they departed? 7 Now therefore take and ~~make~~ you a new cart, with two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and ~~tie~~ the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them: 8 and take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a guilt-offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go. 9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his border to Beth-shemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us; it was a chance that happened to us. 10 And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home: 11 and they put the ark

¹ Heb. *one highway.*

of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their swellings. 12 And the kine went straight along the way by the way of Beth-shemesh; they went along ¹the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh. 13 And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. 14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, the Beth-shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered up the kine for a burnt-offering unto the LORD. 15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD. 16 And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 And these are the golden swellings which the Philistines returned for a guilt-offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; 18 and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages: even unto ²the great Abel, wherein they set down the ark of the LORD, ³unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Bethshemite. 19 And he smote of the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people ⁴seventy men, *and* fifty thousand

² According to another reading, *the great stone whereon.*

³ Or, which stone remaineth *unto this day.*

⁴ The numbers are probably corrupt.

men: and the people mourned, because the LORD had smitten the people with a great slaughter. 20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before the LORD this holy God? and to whom shall he go up from us? 21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

VII. 1 And the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in ¹the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

¹ Or, *Gibeah*.

2 And it came to pass, from the day that the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If with all your heart ye do return unto the LORD, then put away the strange gods and the Ashtaroath from among you, and prepare your heart unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. 4 Then the children of Israel did put away the Baalim and the Ash-taroath, and served the LORD only.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray for you unto the LORD. 6 And they gathered together to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpah. 7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of

Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Hold not thy peace from crying unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. 9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a whole burnt-offering unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD answered him. 10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: and the LORD thundered with a great ¹thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten down before Israel. 11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-car. 12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called the name of it ²Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us. 13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more within the border of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. 14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the border thereof did Israel deliver out of the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. 15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. 16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpah, and he judged Israel in all those places. 17 And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

¹ Heb. voice.

² That is, the stone of help.

VIII. 1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was

old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beer-sheba. 3 And his sons walked not in his [†]way, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

[†] Another reading is, *ways.*

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah: 5 and they said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. 6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for ~~they have not rejected thee,~~ but they have rejected me, that I should not be king over them. 8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, in that they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. 9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit thou shalt protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them unto him, for his chariots, and for his horsemen; and they shall run before his chariots. 12 And he will appoint them unto him for captains of thousands, and captains of fifties; and to plough his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to

¹ Or, *perfumers*. See Ex. xxx. 25.

² Heb. *eunuchs*.

make his instruments of war, and the instruments of his chariots. 13 And he will take your daughters for ¹confectionaries, and for cooks, and for bakers. 14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. 15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his ²officers, and to his servants. 16 And he will take your menservants, and your maid-servants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. 17 He will take the tenth of your flocks: and ye shall be his servants. 18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not answer you in that day. 19 But the people refused to hearken unto the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; 20 that we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. 21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

IX. 1 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of ³wealth. 2 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people. 3 And

³ Or, *valour*.

the ¹asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. ¹ Heb. *she-
asses.* And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. 4 And he passed through the hill country of Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they found them not: then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not. 5 When they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father cease caring for the asses, and be troubled about us. 6 And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is a man that is held in honour; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go. 7 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we? 8 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have in my hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to shew us our way. 9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he said, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he is now called a Prophet that was beforetime called a Seer.) 10 Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God was. 11 As they went up the ascent to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here? 12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before thee:

make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for the people have a sacrifice to day in the high place: 13 as soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for on this day ye shall find him. 14 And they went up to the city. As they came within the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

¹ Heb. *un-*
covered the ear
of Samuel.

15 Now the LORD had ¹told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, 16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be chief over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me. 17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD answered him, Behold the man of whom I said unto thee! this same shall control my people. 18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is. 19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer; go up before me unto the high place, and ye shall eat with me to day: and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart. 20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And ²for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for thee, and for all thy father's house? 21 And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of

² Or, *on whom*
is all the de-
sire of Israel?
Is it not for
thee, and on
all, &c.?

the tribes of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou to me after this manner? 22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the guestchamber, and made ~~them sit in the~~ chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons. 23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. 24 And the cook lifted up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And

Samuel said, Behold that which hath been reserved! it is set before thee, eat; for unto the appointed time hath it been kept for thee,

¹for I said, I have invited the people. So ¹ Heb. saying.

Saul did eat with Samuel that day. 25 And when they were come down from the high place into the city, he communed with Saul upon the house top. 26 And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called to Saul on the house top, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad. 27 As they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still this day, that I may cause thee to hear

X. the word of God. 1 Then Samuel took the vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be chief over his inheritance? 2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre, in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the

asses, and is troubled about you, saying, What shall I do for my son? 3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the ¹oak of Tabor, and there shall meet thee there three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine: 4 and they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hand. 5 After that thou shalt come to ²the hill of God, ³where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a band of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall be prophesying: 6 and the Spirit of the LORD will come mightily upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. 7 And ⁴let it be, when these signs ~~are~~ come unto thee, ⁵that thou ⁶do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee. 8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt-offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace-offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come unto thee; and I will shew thee what thou shalt do. 9 And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God ⁶gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. 10 And when they came thither to ⁷the hill, behold, a band of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came mightily upon him, and he prophesied among them. 11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied with the prophets,

¹ Or, oak-grove.

² Or, Gibeah.

³ Or, where are the trophies, &c.

⁴ Heb. it shall come to pass, that when these signs, &c.

⁵ Heb. do for thee as thine hand shall find.

⁶ Heb. turned.

⁷ Or, Gibeah.

then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets? 12 And one of the same place answered and said, And who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets? 13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were not found, we came to Samuel. 15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you. 16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But concerning the matter of the kingdom, he told him not what Samuel had said.

17 And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpah; 18 and he said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD the God of Israel, ~~I~~ brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you: 19 but ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saveth you out of all your calamities and your distresses; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands. 20 ~~And when~~ Samuel had brought all the tribes of Israel near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. 21 And ~~when~~ he had brought the tribe of Benjamin near by their families, the family of Matri was taken: and Saul the son of Kish was taken; and ~~when~~ they sought him, he could not be found. 22 Therefore they asked of the LORD further, ¹Is there yet a man come hither? And the LORD answered,

¹ Or, Is the man yet come hither?

Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff.
 23 And they ran and fetched him thence, and he presented himself among the people: and he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. 24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, ¹Long live the king.

¹ Heb. *Let the king live.*

² Or, *manner.*

25 Then Samuel told the people the ²law of the kingdom, and wrote it in the book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house. 26 And Saul also went to his house to Gibeah; and there went with him the host, whose hearts God had touched. 27 But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no present. But he was as one that is deaf.

XI. 1 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee. 2 And Nahash the Ammonite said unto them, On this condition will I make *a covenant* with you, that all your right eyes be ³put out; and I will lay it for a reproach upon all Israel. 3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the borders of Israel: and if there be none to save us, then we will come out to thee. 4 And the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5 And, behold, Saul came following the oxen out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they declared unto him the tidings of the men of Jabesh. 6 And the

³ Heb. *borad.*

Spirit of God came mightily upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly. 7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the borders of Israel by the hands of the messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And ¹⁰~~the~~ ^{Or, a terror} ~~dread~~ ^{from the} of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out as one man. 8 And he numbered them in Bezek; and the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. 9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To morrow, by the time the sun is hot, ye shall have deliverance. And the messengers came and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. 10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

11 And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and smote the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together. 12 And the people said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death. 13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought deliverance in Israel.

14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and let us renew the kingdom there. 15 And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace-offerings before the LORD;

and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

XII. 1 And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. 2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. 3 Here I am: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I taken a ransom ¹ to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will make restoration unto you. 4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken aught of any man's hand. 5 And he said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found aught in my hand. And they said, He is witness.

¹ Or, *that I should hide mine eyes at him?*

² Or, *made.*

6 And Samuel said unto the people, It is the LORD that ²advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. 7 Now therefore stand forth, that I may plead with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers. 8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, then your fathers cried unto the LORD, and the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them to dwell in this place. 9 But they forgot the LORD their God, and he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them. 10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We

have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served the Baalim and the Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee. 11 And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and ¹Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled in safety. 12 And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king. 13 Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, whom ye have asked for! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you. 14 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and hearken unto his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, ²both ye and also the king that reigneth over you be followers of the LORD your God: 15 but if ye will not hearken unto the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers. 16 Now therefore stand forth and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes. 17 Is it not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, that he send thunder and rain; and know ye and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

¹ Some ancient authorities read *Barak*: others, *the son of Dan*.

² Or, *and both ye...the LORD your God*, well.

18 So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. 19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added evil unto all our sins in asking us a king.

20 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have indeed done all this evil: yet turn

not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart; 21 and turn ye not aside: for *then should ye go* after vanity, things which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vanity. 22 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you a people unto himself. 23 Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will instruct you in the good and the right way: 24 only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for see what great things he hath done for you. 25 But if ye do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

XIII.

¹ The number thirty has been inserted conjecturally. The Hebrew gives *Saul was a year old*. The whole verse is omitted in the LXX. and is probably corrupt.

1 Saul was [¹*thirty*] years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years over Israel. 2 And Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel; whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the hill country of Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent. 3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. 4 And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten the garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, ²in front of Beth-aven. 6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the

² Or, eastward of.

people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in holds, and in pits. 7 And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. 8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel *had appointed*: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. 9 And Saul said, Bring hither the burnt-offering to me, and the peace-offerings. And he offered the burnt-offering. 10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might ¹salute him. 11 And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; 12 therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not intreated the favour of the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered the burnt-offering.

¹ Or, *bless*.

13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. 14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be chief over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

15 And Samuel arose, and ~~gat him~~ up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were present with

went

him, about six hundred men. 16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in Geba of Benjamin : but the Philistines encamped in Michmash. 17 And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies : one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, unto the land of Shual : 18 and another company turned the way to Beth-horon : and another company turned the way of the border that looketh down upon the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel : for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears : 20 but all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to ¹forge every man his share, and his coultter, and his axe, and his mattock : 21 ²yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coultters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads. 22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan : but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found. 23 And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

¹ Or, *sharpen.*

² Or, *when the edges of the mattocks... and of the axes were blunt.*

XIV. 1 Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on yonder side. But he told not his father. 2 And Saul abode in the uttermost part of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree which is in Migron : and the people that were with him were about six hundred men ; 3 and Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, I-chabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, wearing

an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone. 4 And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a crag of the rock on the one side, and a crag of the rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. 5 The one crag was situate northward in front of Michmash, and the other southward in front of Geba. 6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few. 7 And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee, behold I am with thee according to thy heart. 8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto the men, and we will discover ourselves unto them. 9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. 10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be the sign unto us. 11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves. 12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel. 13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew

after him. 14 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were ¹half a furrow of an acre of land. 15 And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled: and the earth quaked; and there was ²an exceeding great trembling. 16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they ³went *hither* and thither.

¹ Or, *half an acre of land.*

² Heb. *a trembling of God.*

³ Or, *went on beating down one another.*

17 Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not there. 18 And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was *there* at that time, and the children of Israel. 19 And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines went on and increased.

And Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand. 20 And Saul and all the people that were with him were called together, and came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, there was a very great discomfiture. 21 Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines beforetime, which went up with them into the camp *from the country* round about; even they also *turned* to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan. 22 Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. 23 So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Beth-aven. 24 And the men of Israel

were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth ~~any~~ food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted food. 25 And all *the people* of the land came to the forest; and there was honey upon the ground. 26 And when the people were come into the forest, behold, a stream of honey; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath. 27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened. 28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth food this day. And the people were faint. 29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey. 30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for now there hath not been a great slaughter among the Philistines. 31 And they smote of the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint. 32 And the people ¹flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood. 33 Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have dealt treacherously: roll a great stone unto me this day. 34 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every

¹ Or, according to another reading, *set to work*.

man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there.

35 And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

36 And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee.

Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God. 37 And Saul asked of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day.

38 And Saul said, Draw nigh hither, all ye¹ chiefs of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day. 39 For, as the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him. 40 Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee.

41 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD the God of Israel, ²Shew the right lot. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped. 42 And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken. 43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did certainly taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand; here I am, I must die.

44 And Saul said, God do so and more also:

¹ Heb. *cor-
ners*.

² Or, *Give a
perfect lot*.

for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan. 45 And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? ~~God forbid~~: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people redeemed Jonathan, that he died not.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place. 47 So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed them. 48 And he did valiantly, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Malchishua: and the names of his two daughters were these; the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal: 50 and the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host was ¹Abner, the son of Ner, ¹ Heb. *Abiner*, Saul's uncle. 51 And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any mighty man, or any valiant man, he ²took ² Heb. *gathered*, him unto him.

XV. 1 And Samuel said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I have marked that which Amalek did to Israel, how he

withstood him in the way, when he came up out of Egypt. 3 Now go and smite Amalek, and ye shall devote all that they have, and thou shalt not spare them; but shalt slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

4 And Saul summoned the people, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to the city of Amalek, and ¹laid wait in the valley. 6 And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. 7 And Saul smote the Amalekites, from Havilah as thou goest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. 8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and he devoted all the people with the edge of the sword. 9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and ²of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not devote them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they devoted.

10 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, 11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And Samuel was wroth; and he cried unto the LORD all night. 12 And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a ³monument, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. 13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou

¹ Or, *strove*.

² Heb. *of the second sort*.

³ Heb. *hand*.

of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD. 14 And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? 15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have devoted. *to d.*

16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And ¹he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, Though thou wast little in thine own sight, art thou not head of the tribes of Israel, and did not the LORD anoint thee to be king over Israel? 18 And the LORD sent thee on a certain way, and said, Go and devote the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. 19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst that which is evil in the sight of the LORD? "

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have devoted the Amalekites. 21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the devoted things, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. 22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of ²witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idols and teraphim. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

¹ Another reading is, *they.*

² Heb. *divination.*

24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned : for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words : because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. 25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD. 26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee : for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. 27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his robe, and it rent.

¹ Or, *Eternity*,
or, *Victory*.

28 And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou. 29 And also the ¹Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent : for he is not a man, that he should repent. 30 Then he said, I have sinned : yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and return with me, and I will worship the LORD thy God. 31 So Samuel returned after Saul ; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. 33 And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34 Then Samuel went to Ramah ; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. 35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death : nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul : and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

XVI. 1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite : for I have provided me a king among his sons. 2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. 3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do : and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. 4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, Comest thou peaceably? 5 And he said, Peaceably : I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD : sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. 6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature ; because I have rejected him : for ~~it is~~ not as man seeth ; for man seeth according to the eyes, but the LORD according to the heart. 8 And Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 9 And Jesse made Sham-mah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 10 And Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all the young men? And he said, There

remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit ¹down till he come hither. 12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal ²of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look upon. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. 14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD ³troubled him. 15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. 16 Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on the harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. 17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him unto me. 18 Then answered one of the young men, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty man of valour, and a man of war, and prudent in ⁴matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him. 19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep. 20 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul. 21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer. 22 And Saul sent to Jesse, say-

¹ Heb. *around*.

² Heb. *fair of eyes*.

³ Or, *terrified*.

⁴ Or, *speech*.

ing, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me ; for he hath found favour in my sight. 23 And it came to pass, when the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took the harp, and played with his hand : so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

- XVII. 1 Now the Philistines gathered together their ¹armies to battle ; and they were gathered together at Socoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. 2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched in the vale of ²Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. 3 And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side : and there was a valley between them. 4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. 5 And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was clad with a coat of mail ; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. 6 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a javelin of brass between his shoulders. 7 And the ³staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam ; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron : and his shield-bearer went before him. 8 And he stood and *cried* unto the ⁴armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array ? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul ? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. 9 If he be able to fight with me, and kill me, then will we be your servants : but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. 10 And the Philistine

¹ Heb. *camp*.

² Or, *the terebinth*.

³ Or, according to another reading, *blade*.

⁴ Heb. *ranks*, and in verses 10, 21, 22, 26, &c.

¹ Or, *reproach*. said, I ¹defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. **11** When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12 Now David *was* the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man was an old man in the days of Saul, stricken *in years* among men. **13** And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. **14** And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul. **15** Now David was wont to return from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem. **16** And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren this ephah of parched corn, and these ten loaves, and carry *them* quickly to the camp to thy brethren; **18** and bring these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge. **19** Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the vale of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the ²place of the wagons, as the host which was going forth to the ³fight shouted for the battle. **21** And Israel and the Philistines put the battle in array, ⁴army against army. **22** And David left ⁵his baggage in the hand of the keeper of the baggage, and ran into the

² Or, *barri-
cade*.

³ Or, *battle
array*.

⁴ Heb. *rank
against rank*.

⁵ Heb. *the
vessels from
upon him*.

¹army, and came and asked his brethren of their welfare. 23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, named Goliath the Philistine, of Gath, out of the ²armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them. 24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. 25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that cometh up? surely to ³reproach Israel doth he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

¹ Heb. *rank*.

² Or, according to another reading, *hollows*, or, *open spaces*.

³ Or, *defy*.

26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should ~~reproach~~ the armies of the living God? 27 And the people answered him after this ⁴manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him. 28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why art thou come down? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. 29 And David said, What have I now done? ⁴Is there not a cause? 30 And he turned away from him toward another, and spake after the same ⁵manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner. 31 And the words were heard which David spake, and they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him. 32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail

⁴ Or, *Is it not a word?*

⁵ Heb. *word*.

¹ Or, *because*
cf.

¹ within him ; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him : for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. 34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock, 35 I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth : and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. 36 Thy servant smote both the lion and the bear : and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath reproached the armies of the living God.

37 And David said, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.

And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD shall be with thee. 38 And Saul clad David with his apparel, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head ; and he clad him with a coat of mail. 39 And David girded his sword upon his apparel, and he assayed to go ; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these ; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. 40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the ²brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his scrip ; and his sling was in his hand : and he drew near to the Philistine. 41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David ; and the man that bare the shield went before him. 42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he dis-

² Or, *torrent-bed*.

dained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and withal of a fair countenance. 43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his ¹god. 44 And ¹ Or, *gods*. the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with sword, and with spear, and with javelin: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, which thou hast reproached. 46 This day will the LORD ²deliver thee into mine hand; ² Heb. *shut thee up*. and I will smite thee, and take thine head from off thee; and I will give the carcases of the ³host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; ³ Heb. *camp*. that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel: 47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand. 48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead; and the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell upon his face to the earth. 50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. 51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And the

¹ The LXX.
has *Gath*.

Philistines saw that their mighty man was dead, and they fled. 52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou comest to ¹Gath, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. 53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their camp. 54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; and his armour he put in his tent.

55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell. 56 And the king said, Inquire thou whose son the stripling is.

57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. 58 And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse XVIII. the Beth-lehemite. 1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his apparel, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle. 5 And David went forth; whithersoever Saul sent him, he ²prospered; and Saul set him

² Or, *behaved himself wisely*.

over the men of war, and it was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 And it came to pass as they came, as David returned from the slaughter of the ¹Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with timbrels, with rejoicing, and with ²instruments of music. 7 And the women that played answered *one another*, and said,

¹ Or, *Philistines*.

Saul hath slain his thousands,

And David his ten thousands.

² Or, *triangles, or, three-stringed instruments*.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and this saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? 9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as he did day by day: and there was a spear in Saul's hand. 11 And Saul cast the spear; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall. And David avoided out of his presence twice. 12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul. 13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David ³behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him.

³ Or, *prospered*.

15 And Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, and he stood in awe of him. 16 But all Israel and Judah loved David; for he went out and came in before them.

17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

18 And David said unto Saul, Who am I, and what is my life, *or* my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king? 19 But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife. 20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. 21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law a second time. 22 And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law. 23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be the king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed? 24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David.

25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. Now Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. 26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law. And the days

were not fulfilled. 27 And David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife. 28 And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David; and Michal Saul's daughter loved him. 29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, as often as they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

XIX. 1 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, of putting David to death. But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David. 2 And Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to put thee to death: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself in the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: 3 and I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will speak with my father concerning thee; and I will see how the matter stands and will tell thee.

4 And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to theeward very good: 5 for he put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to put David to death

without a cause? 6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul swore, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be put to death. 7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as beforetime.

8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled before him. 9 And an evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David played with his hand. 10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the spear; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the spear into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

11 And Saul sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to put him to death in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be put to death. 12 So Michal let David down through the window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. 13 And Michal took the teraphim, and laid it in the bed, and put a ¹network of goats' hair at the head thereof, and covered it with the clothes. 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick.

15 And Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may put him to death. 16 And the messengers came in, and, behold, the teraphim was in the bed, with the ¹network of goats' hair at the head thereof. 17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me thus, and let mine enemy go, that he is es-

¹ Or, rug.

caped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I put thee to death? 18 So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. 19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah. 20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. 21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied. 22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to the great well that is in Secu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah. 23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God came upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24 And he also stripped off his clothes, and he also prophesied before Samuel, and ¹lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

XX. 1 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life? 2 And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father doeth nothing either great or small, but that he ²discloseth it unto me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not

¹ Or, fell.

² Heb. uncovereth mine ear.

so. 3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father knoweth well that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death. 4 Then said Jonathan unto David, ¹What doth thy soul ²desire, that I should do it for thee?

¹ Or, *What-soever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee.*
² Heb. *say.*

5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even. 6 If thy father miss me at all, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city: for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family. 7 If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be wroth, then know that evil is determined by him. 8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into the covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, put me to death thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father?

9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, and should not tell it thee—

10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly? 11 And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

12 And Jonathan said unto David, The LORD the God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about this time to morrow, *or* the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David,

and I then send not unto thee, and disclose it unto thee, 13 the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also : but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will disclose it unto thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace : and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father. 14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not : 15 but also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever : no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth. 16 So Jonathan ¹made a covenant with the house of David, *saying*, And the LORD shall require it at the hand of David's enemies. 17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, ²for the love that he had to him : for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

¹ Heb. cut.

² Or, by his love toward him.

18 Then Jonathan said unto him, To morrow is the new moon : and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be ³empty. 19 And on the third day thou shalt go down ⁴quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself ⁵when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel. 20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark. 21 And, behold, I will send the lad, *saying*, Go, find the arrows. If I say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee : take him, and come thou ; for there is peace to thee, and ⁶no hurt ; as the LORD liveth. 22 But if I say thus unto the stripling, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee : go thy way ; for the LORD hath sent thee away. 23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD is between thee and me for ever.

³ Heb. missed.

⁴ Or, far. Heb. greatly.

⁵ Heb. in the day of the business. See ch. xix. 2.

⁶ Heb. not any thing.

24 So David hid himself in the field : and

when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat. 25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon the seat by the wall; and Jonathan rose up, and Abner sat by Saul's side: and David's place was empty. 26 Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

27 And it came to pass on the morrow after the new moon, which was the second day, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day? 28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem: 29 and he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me *to be there*: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he is not come unto the king's table.

¹ Or, *Thou perverse rebel.*

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, ¹Thou son of the perverse rebellious *woman*, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own shame, and unto the shame of thy mother's nakedness? 31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be stablished, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he ²shall surely die.

² Heb. *is the son of death.*

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be put to death? what hath he done? 33 And Saul cast his spear at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to put David to death.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field ¹at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him. ¹ Or, to the place.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow ²beyond him. 37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee? ² Heb. making it pass over him.

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. 39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter. 40 And Jonathan gave his ³artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city. ³ Heb. instruments. 41 And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded. 42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD shall be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever.

XXI. 4 And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city. ⁴ xxi. 1 in Heb. 1 Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech went trembling to meet David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee? 2 And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing

of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee : and I have appointed the young men to such and such a place. 3 Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is to be found. 4 And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is holy bread; if only the young men have kept themselves from women.

5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us as beforetime, since I came out, when the vessels of the young men were holy, though it was but a common journey; how much more then to day ¹shall the vessels be holy? 6 So the priest gave him holy *bread*: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away. 7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Doeg the Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul. 8 And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.

9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the vale of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.

10 And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of

¹ Heb. *shall it be holy in the vessel?*

Gath. 11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying,

Saul hath slain his thousands,

And David his ten thousands?

12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and ¹scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

¹ Or, *made marks.*

14 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man ²is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me? 15 Do I lack mad men, that ye have brought this *fellow* to play the mad man in my presence? shall this *fellow* come into my house?

² Or, *playeth the mad man.*

XXII. 1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave of Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. 2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was ³discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

³ Heb. *bitter of soul.*

3 And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me. 4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the strong hold.

5 And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the strong hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

6 And Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him : now Saul was sitting in Gibeah under ¹the tree ²in Ramah, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him. 7 And Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites ; will the son of Jesse give all of you fields and vineyards, will he make all of you captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds ; 8 that all of you have conspired against me, and ³there (is none that discloseth to me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or discloseth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day ?

9 Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. 10 And he asked of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine. 11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob : and they came all of them to the king. 12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I am, my lord. 13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast asked of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day ?

14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who among all thy servants is so faithful as David, which is the king's son in law, and is taken apart to thy council, and is honourable in thine house ? 15 Have I to day begun to ask

¹ Heb. *Eshel*.
Perhaps,
tamarisk.
² Or, *on the height*.

³ Or, *there was none that disclosed it to me when my son made, &c.*

of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knoweth nothing of all this, less or more.

16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.

17 And the king said unto the ¹guard that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he fled, and did not disclose it to me. But the servants of the king

¹ Heb.
runners.

would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD. 18 And the king said to

Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and fell upon the priests; and he slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.

19 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

20 And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. 21 And Abiathar told David that Saul had slain the LORD's priests.

22 And David said unto Abiathar, I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned *the death* of all the persons of thy father's house.

23 Abide thou with me, fear not; for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: for with me thou shalt be in safeguard. 1 And they told

XXIII.

David, saying, Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and they rob the threshing-floors. 2 Therefore David asked of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said

unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and

save Keilah. 3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah : how much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?

4 Then David asked of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah ; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand. 5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

7 And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath ¹delivered him into mine hand ; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars. 8 And Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. 9 And David knew that Saul devised mischief against him ; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod.

10 Then said David, O LORD the God of Israel, thy servant hath surely heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. 11 Will the men of Keilah ²deliver me up into his hand ? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard ? O LORD the God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down.

12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me up and my men into the hand of Saul ? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up.

13 Then David and his men, which were

¹ Heb.
*counted him
strange.*
The LXX.
render *sold*.

² Heb. *shut me
up*.

about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbare to go forth. 14 And David dwelt in the wilderness in the strong holds, and abode in the mountains in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand. 15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in ¹the wood.

¹ Or, *Horesh*.

16 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into ¹the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. 17 And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth. 18 And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in ¹the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in the strong holds in ¹the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of ²Jeshimon? 20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him up into the king's hand. 21 And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the LORD; for ye have had compassion on me. 22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet more, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very subtilly. 23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout

² Or, *the desert*.

¹ Or, *the Arabah*. See Josh. xviii. 18.
² Or, *the desert*.

all the thousands of Judah. 24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in ¹the plain on the south of ²Jeshimon. 25 And Saul and his men went to seek him. And they told David: wherefore he came down to the rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon. 26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them. 27 But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have spread themselves over the land. 28 So Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place ³Sela-hammahlekoth.

³ That is, *The rock of divisions*, or, *escape*.
⁴ xxiv. 1 in Heb.

XXIV. 29 ⁴And David went up from thence, and dwelt in the strong holds of En-gedi. 1 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-gedi.

2 Then Saul took three thousand men chosen out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. 3 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men abode in the innermost parts of the cave. *some dwell*
 4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine ⁵enemy into thine hand, and thou shalt do to him as it shall seem good in thine eyes. Then David

⁵ Another reading is, *enemies*.

arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily. 5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. 6 And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my lord, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the LORD's anointed. 7 So David checked his men with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. And Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth, and did obeisance.

9 And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearkenest thou to men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt? 10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but *mine eye* spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed. 11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee, though thou huntest my soul to take it. 12 The LORD shall judge between me and thee, and the LORD shall avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. 13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Out of the wicked cometh forth wickedness: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. 14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue?

after a dead dog, after a flea. 15 The LORD therefore shall be judge, and shall give sentence between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and ¹deliver me out of thine hand.

¹ Heb. *give sentence for me.*

16 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. 17 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rendered unto me good, whereas I have rendered unto thee evil. 18 And thou hast declared this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me up into thine hand, thou killedst me not. 19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day. 20 And now, behold, I know that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand. 21 Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house. 22 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the strong hold.

XXV. 1 And Samuel died; and all Israel was gathered together, and lamented him; and they buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing

his sheep in Carmel. 3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and the woman was of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and ¹he was ²of the house of Caleb. 4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep. 5 And David sent ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name: 6 and thus shall ye say, ³All hail; and peace unto thee, and peace to thine house, and peace unto all that thou hast. 7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds were with us, we ⁴did them no hurt, neither was there aught missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel. 8 Ask thy young men, and they will tell thee; wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever thine hand findeth, unto thy servants, and to thy son David. 9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and they ⁵rested. 10 And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master. 11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my ⁶flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give unto men, whom I know not whence they be? 12 So David's young men turned on their way, and went back, and came and told him according to all these words. 13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his

¹ According to another reading, *he was as his heart was.*

² According to some ancient versions, *doglike.*

³ Heb. *For life.*

⁴ Or, *put them not to shame.*

⁵ Or, *ceased.*

⁶ Heb. *slaughter.*

sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff. 14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to ¹salute our master; and he ²flew upon them. 15 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not ³hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields: 16 they were a wall unto us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. 17 Now therefore know and see what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his house: for he is such a son of ⁴Belial, that one cannot speak to him. 18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred cakes of raisins, and two hundred lumps of figs, and laid them on the asses. 19 And she said unto her young men, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal. 20 And it was so, as she rode on the ass, and came down by the covert of the mountain, that, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them. 21 Now David said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this *fellow* hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath returned me evil for good. 22 God do so unto the enemies of David and more also, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. 23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and

¹ Heb. *bless*.

² See 1 Sam. xiv. 32, xv. 19.

³ Heb. *put to shame*.

⁴ Deut. xiii. 13.

lighted off ~~her~~ ass, and she fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground.

24 And she fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me be the iniquity: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine ears, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; ¹ Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

¹ That is, Fool.

26 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, the LORD hath witholden thee from coming to bloodshed, and from ²avenging thyself with thine own hand, and now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

² Heb. *saving thyself.*

27 And now this blessing which thy servant hath brought unto my lord, let it be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

28 Forgive, I pray thee, the transgression of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days.

29 And though men be risen up to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul, yet the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, from the midst of the hollow of a sling. 30 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee chief over Israel; 31 that this shall be unto thee no stumbling, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath

avenged himself: and when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

32 And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD the God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: 33 and blessed be thy discretion, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to bloodshed, and from avenging myself with mine own hand. 34 For in very deed, as the LORD, the God of Israel liveth, which hath withholden me from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. 35 So David received of her hand that which she had brought him: and he said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person. 36 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, and he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. 37 And it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, that his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. 38 And it came to pass about ten days after, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died. 39 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept back his servant from evil: and the evil of Nabal the LORD hath returned upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife. 40 And the servants of David came to Abigail to Carmel, and they spake unto her, saying,

David hath sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. 41 And she arose, and bowed herself with her face to the earth, and said, Behold, thine handmaid is a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. 42 And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with her five damsels that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife. 43 And David had taken Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they became both of them his wives. 44 But Saul ¹gave Michal his daughter, David's wife, to ²Palti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

¹ Or, *had given.*
² Paltiel,
 2 Sam. iii. 15.

XXVI. And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before ³Jeshimon? 2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, and with him three thousand men, chosen men of Israel, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. 3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. 4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come for a certainty. 5 And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay within the ⁴place of the wagons, and the people pitched round about him. 6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee. 7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the place of the wagons, and

³ Or, *the desert.*

⁴ Or, *barri-
cade.*

his spear stuck in the ground at his head : and Abner and the people lay round about him.

¹ Another reading is, *enemies*.

8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered up thine ¹enemy into thine hand this day : now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear to the earth at one stroke, and I will not smite him the second time. 9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not : for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless ?

10 And David said, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him ; either his day shall come to die ; or he shall go down into battle, and perish. 11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed : but now, I pray thee, take the spear that is at his head, and the cruse of water, and let us go. 12 So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's head ; and they gat them away, and none saw, and none knew, and none awaked : for they were all asleep ; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them. 13 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of the mountain afar off ; a great space being between them : 14 and David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner ? Then Abner answered and said, Who art thou that criest to the king ?

15 And David said to Abner, Art not thou a *valiant* man ? and who is like to thee in Israel ? wherefore then hast thou not kept watch over thy lord the king ? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord. 16 This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye are ²worthy to die, because ye have not kept watch over your lord, the LORD's anointed. And now, see, where is the king's

² Heb. *the sons of death*.

spear, and the cruse of water that was at his head? 17 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king. 18 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in mine hand? 19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it be the LORD that hath stirred thee up against me, let him ¹accept an offering: but if it be the children of men, cursed be they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day from cleaving to the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods. 20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth ²far from the presence of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains. 21 Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my life was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly. 22 And David answered and said, Behold ³the spear, O king! let one of the young men come over and fetch it. 23 And the LORD shall render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for as much as the LORD delivered thee into my hand to day, and I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed. 24 And, behold, as thy life was of great price this day in mine eyes, so shall my life be of great price in the eyes of the LORD, and he shall deliver me out of all tribulation. 25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do mightily, and thou shalt prevail. So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

¹ Heb, *smell*.

² Or, *before the face*.

³ Another reading is, *the king's spear*.

XXVII.

¹ Heb. *he consumed*.

¹ And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should clean escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in all the border of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand. ² And David arose, and passed over, he and the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath. ³ And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoram the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife. ⁴ And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought for him again no more.

² Heb. *field*.

⁵ And David said unto Achish, If now I have found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in one of the cities in the ²country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee? ⁶ Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

³ Heb. *field*.

⁷ And the number of the days that David dwelt in the ³country of the Philistines was a full year and four months. ⁸ And David and his men went up, and made a raid upon the Geshurites, and the ⁴Gérzites, and the Amalekites: for those were the inhabitants of the land, which were of old, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt. ⁹ And David smote the land, and saved neither man nor woman alive; and he took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and he returned, and came to Achish. ¹⁰ And Achish said, ⁵Whither have ye made a raid to day? And David said,

⁴ Another reading is, *Gézites*.

⁵ So some ancient authorities.

Against the South of Judah, and against the South of the Jerahmeelites, and against the South of the Kenites. 11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring them to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so hath been his manner all the while he hath dwelt in the ¹country of the Philistines. 12 And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.

Others render,
Against whom?
The text is
probably
corrupt.

¹ Heb. *field*.

XVIII. 1 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their hosts together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me in the host, thou and thy men. 2 And David said to Achish, Wherefore thou shalt know what thy servant will do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

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3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. 4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. 5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. 6 And when Saul asked of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. 7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor. 8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other

raiment, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night : and he said, Divine unto me, I pray thee, by the familiar spirit, and bring me up whomsoever I shall name unto thee. 9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land : wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? 10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no ¹punishment happen to thee for this thing. 11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. 12 And the woman saw Samuel, and cried with a loud voice : and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. 13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid : for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw ²a god coming up out of the earth. 14 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up ; and he is covered with a robe. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and worshipped.

15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed ; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams : therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

16 And Samuel said, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? 17 And the LORD hath done ³for himself, as he spake

¹ Or, *guilt*
come upon
thee.

² Or, *gods*.

³ Some ancient
authorities
read, *unto*
thee.

by me : and the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of ~~thine~~ hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David: 18 because thou didst not hearken unto the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. 19 Moreover the LORD will deliver Israel also with thee into the hand of the Philistines : and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me : also the host of Israel shall the LORD deliver into the hand of the Philistines. 20 Then Saul ¹fell straightway his full length upon the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night. 21 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, ~~thine~~ handmaid hath hearkened unto thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. 22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of ~~thine~~ handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way. 23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed. 24 And the woman had a fatted calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it; and she took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof: 25 and she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

¹ Heb. *made haste, and fell.*

XXIX. 1 Now the Philistines gathered together all their hosts to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched

2 Sam.

by the fountain which is in Jezreel. 2 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: and David and his men passed on in the rereward with Achish. 3 Then said the princes of the Philistines, What are these Hebrews? And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell away *unto me* unto this day?

4 But the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make the man return, that he may go again to his place where thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us: for wherewith should he gain favour with his lord? should it not be with the heads of these men? 5 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying,

Saul hath slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands?

6 Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, as the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favour thee not. 7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines.

8 And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been in thy presence unto this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

9 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. 10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with the servants of thy lord that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart. 11 So David rose up early, he and his men, to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

XXX. 1 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had made a raid upon the South, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; 2 and had taken captive the women that were therein, both great and small: they put none to death, but carried them off, and went their way. 3 And when David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. 4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5 And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. 8 And David asked of the LORD, saying, If I pursue after

this troop, shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake, and shalt without fail rescue. 9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred stayed behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor. 11 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water; 12 and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two cakes of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

13 And David said unto him, To whom belongest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago^{ne} I fell sick. 14 We made a raid into the South of the Cherethites, and upon that which belongeth to Judah, and upon the South of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire. 15 And David said to him, Wilt thou bring me down to this troop? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this troop. 16 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad over all the country, eating and drinking, and keeping festival, with all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines and out of the land of Judah. 17 And David smote them from the

twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels and fled. 18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken: and David rescued his two wives. 19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David brought back all. 20 And David took all their flocks and their herds; they drave them before those *other* cattle, and they said, This is David's spoil. 21 And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made ~~also~~ to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near ¹to the people, he ²saluted them.

¹ Or, *with*.

² Or, *asked them of their welfare*.

³ Heb. *men*.

22 Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of ³those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.

23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren; forasmuch as the LORD hath given *it* unto us, and hath preserved us, and delivered the troop that came against us into our hand. 24 **For** who will hearken unto you in this matter? ~~but~~ as his share is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his share be that tarrieth by the ~~stuff~~: they shall share alike.

25 And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

¹ Heb.
blessing.

26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a ¹present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD; 27 to them which were in Beth-el, and to them which were in Ramoth of the South, and to them which were in Jattir, 28 and to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Eshtemoa, 29 and to them which were in Racal, and to them which were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites, 30 and to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in Cor-ashan, and to them which were in Athach, 31 and to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

XXXI. 1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel:

² Or, *wounded.*

and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down ²slain in mount Gilboa. 2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the ³archers ⁴hit him; and he was greatly distressed by reason of the archers. 4 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised

³ Heb. *archers,*
men with bows.
⁴ Heb. *found*
him.

⁵ Or, *mock me.*

come and thrust me through, and ⁵abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon his sword, and died with him. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day toge-

ther. 7 And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were beyond Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the Philistines came to strip the slain, and they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people. 10 And they put his armour in the house of the Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan. 11 And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard concerning him that which the Philistines had done to Saul, 12 all the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan; and they came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. 13 And they took their bones, and buried them under ¹the tree in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

¹-Heb. *Eshel*.
Perhaps, a
tamarisk.

THE
SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL.

- I. 1 AND it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, that David abode two days in Ziklag. 2 And it came to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance. 3 And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. 4 And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also. 5 And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead? 6 And the young man that told him said, I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, and, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and the horsemen followed hard after him. 7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I. 8 And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I

am an Amalekite. 9 And he said unto me, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me, for ¹anguish hath taken hold of me; because my life is yet whole in me. 10 So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

¹ Or, the cramp. Or, my coat of mail, or, my embroidered coat hindereth me, that my life, &c.

11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him; 12 and they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.

13 And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. 14 And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD's anointed? 15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died. 16 And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son: 18 and he bade them teach the children of Judah *the song of* the bow: behold, it is written in the book of ² Jashar.

19 ³ The ⁴ beauty, O Israel, is slain upon thy high places:

How are the mighty fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath,

Publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon;

² Or, the upright.

³ Or, The beauty of Israel.

⁴ Or, gazelle.

Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa,
Let there be no dew, neither let there be
rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings :
For there the shield of the mighty is ¹ defiled,
The shield of Saul,
Not anointed with oil.

¹ Or, *wildly*
cast away.

22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of
the mighty,
The bow of Jonathan turned not back,
And the sword of Saul returned not empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan,
Lovely and pleasant in their lives,
And in their death they were not divided :
They were swifter than eagles,
They were stronger than lions.

24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
Who clothed you in scarlet with delights,
Who put on ornaments of gold upon your
apparel.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of
the battle !

² Or, *Jonathan*
is slain.

² O Jonathan, thou wast slain upon thy high
places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan :

Very pleasant hast thou been unto me :
Thy love to me was wonderful,
Passing the love of women.

27 How are the mighty fallen,
And the weapons of war perished !

II. 1 And it came to pass after this, that David asked of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah ? And the

LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron. 2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 3 And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. 4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, The men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul.

5 And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him. 6 And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. 7 Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

8 But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, had taken Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim; 9 and made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

10 Ish-bosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. 11 And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

12 And Abner the son of Ner, and the

servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. 13 And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and they met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

14 And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise. 15 Then they arose and went over by number, twelve which pertained to Benjamin, and to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. 16 And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called ¹ Helkath-hazurim, which is in Gibeon. 17 And the battle was very sore that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David. 18 And the three sons of Zeruiah were there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light of foot as a roe of the field. 19 And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. 20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Art thou Asahel? And he answered, I am. 21 And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his ² armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him. 22 And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother? 23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner

¹ That is, *The field of the sharp knives.*

² Or, *spoil.*
Judg. xiv. 19.

with the hinder end of the spear smote him ¹under the fifth *rib*, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still. 24 But Joab and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. 25 And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one band, and stood on the top of an hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?

27 And Joab said, As God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then ²in the morning the people had gone away every one from following his brother.

28 So Joab blew the trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more. 29 And Abner and his men went all that night through ³the plain; and they passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and came to Mahanaim. 30 And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. 31 But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and among Abner's men, *so that* three hundred and threescore men died. 32 And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and the day

¹ Or, in the abdomen.

² Heb. from the morning.

³ Or, the Arabah.

III. brake upon them at Hebron. 1 And the war was long between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; 3 and his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; 4 and the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; 5 and the sixth, Ithream, of Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

6 And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner held strongly by the house of Saul. 7 Now Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and *Ish-bosheth* said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine? 8 Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head of Judah? this day do I shew kindness unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, and thou chargest me this day with ¹a fault concerning this woman.

¹ Or, the fault of this woman.

9 God do so to Abner, and more also, if, as the LORD hath sworn to David, I do not even so to him; 10 to translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba. 11 And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

12 And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying *also*, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee. 13 And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face.

14 And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines. 15 And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from ¹Paltiel the son of Laish. 16 And her husband went with her, weeping as he went, following her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned. 17 And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, In times past ye did seek for David to be king over you: 18 now then do it: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies. 19 And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that was good in the sight of Israel, and in the sight of the whole house of Benjamin.

20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that were with him a feast. 21 And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make

¹ In 1 Sam.
xxv. 44, *Palti*.

a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thy soul desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace. 22 And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came ¹ from their troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace. 23 When Joab and all the host that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace. 24 Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone? 25 Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest. 26 And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not. 27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there ² under the fifth *rib*, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother. 28 And when David heard it afterward, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner: 29 let it fall upon the head of Joab, and upon all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread. 30 Now Joab and Abishai his brother had slain Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

¹ Or, *from a foray.*

² Or, *in the abdomen.*

31 And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David followed the bier.

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.

33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said,

Should Abner die as a fool dieth?

34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters:

As a man falleth before the children of iniquity, so didst thou fall.

And all the people wept again over him.

35 And all the people came to cause David to eat bread while it was yet day, but David sware, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or aught else, till the sun be down. 36 And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people.

37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.

38 And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince ¹and a great man fallen this day in Israel? 39 And I am this day ²weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah be too hard for me: the LORD reward the wicked doer according to his wickedness.

IV. 1 And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands became feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. 2 And Saul's son *had* two men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Recab, the sons of

¹ Or, *yea a great one.*

² Heb. *tender.*

Rimmon the Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also is reckoned to Benjamin: 3 and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.)

4 And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

5 And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Recab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, as he lay on his bed at noon. 6 And ¹they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him ²under the fifth *rib*: and Recab and Baanah his brother escaped. 7 So they came into the house, as he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night. 8 And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed. 9 And David answered Recab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 10 when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, being in his own eyes as one that brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, ³which was the reward I gave him for his tidings. 11 How much more, when wicked

¹ Or, *there came...men fetching wheat.*

² Or, *in the abdomen.*

³ Or, *who thought that I would have given him a reward for his tidings.*

men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth? 12 And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried it in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

V. 1 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. 2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be chief over Israel. 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. 5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah. 6 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, 1 Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: 2 thinking, David cannot come in hither. 7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David. 8 And David said on that day, Whosoever will smite the Jebusites, let him get up to the watercourse; 3 and the lame and the blind, 4 that are hated of David's soul. Wherefore they say, There are the

¹ Or, *Thou shalt not come in hither, but the blind and the lame shall take thee away.*

² Or, *saying, David shall not, &c.*

³ Or, *and as for the lame and the blind that are hated of David's soul—.*

⁴ Another reading is, *that hate David's soul.*

blind and the lame; he cannot come into the house. 9 So David dwelt in the strong hold, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. 10 And David waxed greater and greater, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

11 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house. 12 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

13 And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David. 14 And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammuah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, 15 and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 16 and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet.

17 But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold. 18 Now the Philistines had come and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 19 And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD

said unto David, Go up: for I will certainly deliver the Philistines into thine hand. 20 And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath ¹broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breaking forth of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-²perazim. 21 And

¹ Or, broken mine enemies.

² That is, of breakings forth.

there they left their images, and David and his men took them away.

22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 23 And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but make a circuit behind them, and come upon them over against the ¹mulberry trees. 24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then is the LORD gone out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. 25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gezer.

¹ Heb. *Becaim*.
Perhaps,
balsam trees.

VI. 1 And David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale Judah, to carry up from thence the ark of God, ²which is called by the name, the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth ³*between* the cherubim. 3 And they ⁴set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in ⁵the hill: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. 4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was in ⁵the hill, with the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. 5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD ⁶with all manner of *instruments made of* cypress wood, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with sistra, and with cymbals. 6 And when they came to Nacon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen ⁷shook it. 7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God

² Heb. *whereupon is called the name*.

³ Or, above.

⁴ Heb. *made to ride*.

⁵ Or, *Gibeah*.

⁶ See 1 Chron. xiii. 8.

⁷ Or, *were restive*.

¹ Or, *rashness*. smote him there for his ¹error; and there he died by the ark of God. 8 And David was angered, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of that place ²Perez-uzzah to this day. 9 And David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, How shall the ark of the LORD come unto me? 10 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. 11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household. 12 And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with rejoicing. 13 And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed ³oxen and fatlings. 14 And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. 15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. 16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked out through the window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. 17 And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the LORD. 18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering the burnt-offerings and peace-

² That is,
*The breach
of Uzzah.*

³ Or, *an ox
and a fatling.*

offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts. 19 And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, both to men and to women, to every one a cake of bread, and a piece *of flesh*, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed every one to his house. 20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! 21 And David said unto Michal, *It was* before the LORD, which chose me above thy father, and above all his house, to appoint me chief over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD. 22 And I will be yet more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the handmaids which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. 23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

VII. 1 And it came to pass, when the king dwelt in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies round about; 2 that the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. 3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee. 4 And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, 5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? 6 whereas I have not dwelt in an house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have

¹ In 1 Chron.
xvii. 6, *any of*
the judges.

walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7 Where-soever I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with ¹any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedar? 8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheep-cote, from following the sheep, to be chief over my people, over Israel: 9 and I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and I have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great ones that are in the earth. 10 And I have appointed a place for my people Israel, and have planted them, that they may dwell where they are, and be moved no more; and that the children of iniquity afflict them no more, as at the first, 11 and as from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies: and the LORD telleth thee that the LORD will make thee an house. 12 When thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son; whom, when he committeth iniquity, I will chasten with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 15 but my mercy shall not be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I took away before thee. 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

18 Then David the king went in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me thus far? 19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a time which is afar off. And this is the law of man, O Lord GOD! 20 And what shall David speak yet more unto thee? for thou knowest thy servant, O Lord GOD. 21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou wrought all this greatness, to make thy servant know it. 22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23 And who is like thy people, like Israel, one nation in the earth, whom *their* God went to redeem unto himself for a people, and to make him a name, and to work for you greatness, and terrible things for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods? 24 And thou hast established to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God. 25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, confirm thou it for ever, and do as thou hast said. 26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is God over Israel: and the house of thy servant David shall be established before thee. 27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, hast ¹revealed to thy servant

¹ Heb. *uncovered the ear.*

saying, I will build thee an house : therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. 28 And now, O Lord God, thou art God, and thy words are truth, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant : 29 and now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee : for thou, O Lord God, hast spoken it : and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

VIII.

1 And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them : and David took ¹the bridle of the mother city out of the hand of the Philistines. 2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with the line, making them to lie down on the ground ; and he measured two lines to put to death, and one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts. 3 David smote also ²Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his dominion at ³the River. 4 And David took from him a thousand and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen : and David houghed all the chariot *horses*, but reserved of them *for* an hundred chariots. 5 And when ⁴the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David smote of ⁴the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. 6 Then David put garrisons in ⁴Syria of Damascus : and ⁴the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went. 7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 And from ⁵Betah, and from ⁶Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

9 When ⁷Toi king of Hamath heard that

¹ Or. *Metheg-enimah*.

² In 1 Chron. xviii. 3, *Hadadezer*.

³ Another reading is, *the river Euphrates*.

⁴ Heb. *Aram*.

⁵ In 1 Chron. xviii. 8, *Tibhath*.

⁶ In 1 Chron. xviii. 8, *Chun*.

⁷ In 1 Chron. xviii. 9, *Ten*.

David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer, 10 then Toi sent ¹Joram his son unto king David, to ²salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer ³had wars with Toi. And *Joram* ⁴brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass: 11 these also did king David dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he dedicated of all the nations which he subdued; 12 of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah. 13 And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting of ⁵the Syrians in the valley of salt eighteen thousand men. 14 And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went. 15 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people. 16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was ⁶recorder: 17 and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Seraiah was ⁷scribe; 18 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, ⁸and the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were ⁹priests.

IX. 1 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? 2 And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba, and they called him unto David; and the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he. 3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house

¹ In 1 Chron. xviii. 10, *Hadoram*.

² Heb. *ask him of his welfare*.

³ Heb. *was a man of wars with*.

⁴ Heb. *in his hand were*.

⁵ Heb. *Ar'm* According to some ancient authorities, *Edom*, as in 1 Chron. xviii. 12, Ps. lx. title.

⁶ Or, *remembrancer*, or, *chronicler*.

⁷ Or, *secretary*.

⁸ In 1 Chron. xviii. 17, *was over*.

⁹ Or, *chief ministers*.

of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame of his feet. 4 And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar. 5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. 6 And Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came unto David, and fell on his face, and did obeisance. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant! 7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the ¹land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. 8 And he did obeisance, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon a dead dog such as I am? 9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, All that pertained to Saul and to all his house have I given unto thy master's son. 10 And thou shalt till the land for him, thou, and thy sons, and thy servants, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have bread to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king commandeth his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, *said the king*, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. 12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth. 13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem:

¹ Heb. *field*.

for he did eat continually at the king's table ; and he was lame on both his feet.

- X. 1 And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. 2 Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. 3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee ? hath not David sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it ? 4 So Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 When they told it unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men had been greatly dishonoured : and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return. 6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and the king of Maacah with a thousand men, and the men of Tob twelve thousand men. 7 And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host, even the mighty men. 8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put their battle in array at the entering in of the gate : and the Syrians of Zoba, and of Rehob, and the men of Tob and Maacah were by themselves in the field. 9 When Joab saw that the face of the

battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians : 10 and the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of ¹Abshai his brother, and he put them in array against the children of Ammon. 11 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me : but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee. 12 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God : and the LORD do that which seemeth him good. 13 And Joab drew nigh, and the people that were with him, unto the battle against the Syrians : and they fled before him. 14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem. 15 And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they gathered themselves together. 16 And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond ²the River : and they came to Helam, and ³Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer at their head. 17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him. 18 And the Syrians fled before Israel ; and David slew *the men of* seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, that he died there. 19 And when all the kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and

¹ That is,
Abishai.

² That is,
Euphrates.
³ In 1 Chron.
xix. 16,
Shophach.

served them. So the Syrians feared to help
XI. the children of Ammon any more. 1 And it came to pass, at the return of the year, at the time when kings go forth *to battle*, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

2 And it came to pass at eventide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. 3 And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bath-sheba, the daughter of ¹ Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? 4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. 5 And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, and said, I am with child. 6 And David sent to Joab, *saying*, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David asked him of the welfare of Joab, and of the welfare of the people, and how the war prospered. 8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a ²present from the king. 9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. 10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Art thou not come from a journey? wherefore didst thou not go down unto thine house? 11 And Uriah said unto

¹ Or, *Ammiel*.

² Or, *mess*
of meat.

David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in ¹tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open field; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing. ¹² And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. ¹³ And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house. ¹⁴ And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵ And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the ²hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die. ¹⁶ And it came to pass, when Joab ³held watch against the city, that he assigned Uriah unto the place where he knew that the valiant men were. ¹⁷ And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also. ¹⁸ Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; ¹⁹ and he charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the things concerning the war unto the king, ²⁰ it shall be that, if the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city to fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? ²¹ who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast an upper millstone upon him from the wall, that he died at Thebez? why went ye so nigh the wall? then shalt thou say, Thy servant

¹ Heb. *booths*.

² Heb. *strong*.

³ Or, *observed*.

Uriah the Hittite is dead also. 22 So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for. 23 And the messenger said unto David, The men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering in of the gate. 24 And the shooters shot at thy servants from off the wall; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. 25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him. 26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her lord. 27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and ¹took her home to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD. ¹ Heb. gathered.

XII. 1 And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. 2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: 3 but the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own morsel, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. 4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to

him. 5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this is ¹ worthy to die: 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

¹ Heb. *a son of death.*

7 And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD the God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; 8 and I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added unto thee such and such things. 9 Wherefore hast thou despised the word of the LORD, to do that which is evil in his sight? thou hast smitten Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife; and thou hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. 10 Now therefore the sword shall not depart from thine house for ever; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. 14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child that is born unto thee shall

surely die. 15 And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was grievously sick. 16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. 17 And the elders of his house arose, *and stood* over him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. 18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he hearkened not unto our voice: how ¹then shall we say unto him, The child is dead, so that he do some hurt? 19 But when David saw that his servants whispered together, David perceived that the child was dead: and David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. 20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel; and he came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and he asked, and they set bread before him, and he did eat. 21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. 22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who knoweth whether GOD will not be gracious to me, that the child may live? 23 But now he is dead; wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. 24 And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and

¹ Or, *will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?*

¹ Another reading is, *she called.*

² That is, *Beloved of Jah.*

³ Probably, the lower city.

⁴ Heb. *my name be called upon it.*

⁵ Or, *Malcan.* See Zeph. i. 5.

⁶ According to the text of 1 Chron. xx. 3, *he sawed them with saws and with, &c.*

⁷ That is, the place of Molech. Another reading is, *the brickkiln.*

she bare a son, and ¹he called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him; 25 and he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and he called his name ²Jedidiah, for the LORD's sake.

26 Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city. 27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, yea, I have taken ³the city of waters. 28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and ⁴it be called after my name. 29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. 30 And he took the crown of ⁵their king from off his head, and the weight thereof was a talent of gold and precious stones: and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance. 31 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and ⁶put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through ⁷Malcan: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

XIII.

1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. 2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and it seemed to Amnon impossible to do any thing unto her. 3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man. 4 And he said unto him, Why art thou thus lean morning by morning, thou son of the king? wilt thou not tell

me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. 5 And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and feign thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, Let my sister Tamar come, I pray thee, and give me bread to eat, and dress the food in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand. 6 So Amnon lay down, and feigned himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, Let Tamar my sister come, I pray thee, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand. 7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him food. 8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took dough, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did ¹bake the cakes. ¹ Or, *cook*. 9 And she took the pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him. 10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat at thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. 11 And when she had brought them near unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister. 12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not humble me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly. 13 And I, whither shall I carry my shame? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. 14 Howbeit he would not

hearken unto her voice : but he overpowered her, and humbled her, and lay with her. 15 Then Amnon hated her with exceeding great hatred ; for the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone. 16 And she said unto him, ¹Not so, because this great wrong in putting me forth is greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. 17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put ye now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her. 18 And she had on her ²a garment of divers colours : for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her. 19 And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her ; and she laid her hand on her head, and went her way, crying aloud as she went. 20 And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath ³Aminon thy brother been with thee ? but now, my sister, hold thy peace : he is thy brother ; take not this thing to heart. So Tamar remained ⁴desolate in her brother Absalom's house. 21 And king David heard of all these things, and he was very wroth. 22 And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad : for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had humbled Tamar his sister.

23 And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim : and Absalom invited all the king's sons. 24 And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers ; let the king, I pray thee, and his servants go with thy servant. 25 And

¹ Or, Speak not of this great wrong in putting me forth, greater, &c.

² Or, a long garment with sleeves.

³ That is, Amnon.

⁴ Heb. and desolate.

the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all go, lest we be burdensome unto thee. And he pressed him : howbeit he would not go, but he blessed him. 26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee? 27 But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. 28 And Absalom commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant. 29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled. 30 And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that the tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath smitten all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. 31 Then the king arose, and rent his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent. 32 And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord think that they have killed all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he humbled Tamar his sister. 33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead. 34 But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him. 35 And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come: as thy servant

said, so it is. 36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept : and the king also and all his servants wept ¹very sore. 37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of ²Ammihur, king of Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son every day.

¹ Heb. *with a very great weeping.*
² Another reading is, *Ammihud.*

38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years. 39 And ³king David longed to go forth unto Absalom : because he was comforted concerning Amnon, for he was dead.

³ Or, *king David's desire to go forth against Absalom ceased.*

XIV. 1 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was ⁴against Absalom.

⁴ Or, *toward.*

2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that hath mourned for the dead these many days : 3 and go in to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in her mouth. 4 And the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, and fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance ; and she said, Help, O king.

5 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee ? And she answered, Of a truth I am a widow woman, and my husband is dead. 6 And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and killed him. 7 And, behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he slew, and may destroy the heir also : and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and

shall leave to my husband neither name nor remainder upon the face of the earth.

8 And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee. 9 And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne be guiltless.

10 And the king said, Whosoever saith aught unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more. 11 Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, that a revenger of blood do not multiply destruction, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth. 12 Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak a word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on.

13 And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for in speaking this word the king is as one which is guilty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished one. 14 For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God take away life, but hath devised means, ¹that the banished one be not banished from him. 15 Now therefore seeing that I am come to speak this word unto my lord the king, it is because the people have made me afraid: and thy servant said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid. 16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man that would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God. 17 Then thy servant said,

¹ Or, *that one be not utterly banished from him.*

¹ Heb. *for rest.*

² Heb. *to hear.*

Let now the word of my lord the king be ¹comfortable : for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king ²to discern good and bad : and the LORD thy God be with thee.

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, aught that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.

19 And the king said, Is the hand of Joab with thee in all this ? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from aught that my lord the king hath spoken : for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thy servant : 20 to change the face of the matter hath thy servant Joab done this thing : and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

³ Another reading is, *thou hast done.*

21 And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, ³I have done this thing : go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again. 22 And Joab fell on his face to the ground, and did obeisance, and blessed the king : and Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath performed the request of ⁴his servant. 23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

⁴ Another reading is, *thy.*

24 And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom turned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

25 Now in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty : from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. 26 And when he polled his head, (now it was at every

year's end that he polled it : because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore he polled it :) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight. 27 And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar : she was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 And Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and he saw not the king's face. 29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king ; but he would not come to him : and he sent again a second time, but he would not come. 30 So he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there ; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. 31 Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire ? 32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur ? it were better for me to be there still : now therefore let me see the king's face ; and if there be iniquity in me, let him kill me. 33 So Joab came to the king, and told him : and he called for Absalom, and he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king : and the king kissed Absalom.

XV. 1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 2 And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate : and it was so, that when any man had a suit which should come to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou ? And he said, Thy

servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. 3 And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. 4 Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! 5 And it was so, that when any man drew near to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took hold of him, and kissed him. 6 And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

¹ According to some ancient authorities, *four*.

7 And it came to pass at the end of ¹forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron. 8 For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in ²Syria, saying, If the LORD shall indeed bring me again to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD. 9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

² Heb. *Aram*.

10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom is king in Hebron. 11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called, and went in their simplicity; and they knew not any thing.

³ Or, *sent Ahithophel*.

12 And Absalom ³sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom. 13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. 14 And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us

flee; for we shall have none that escape from Absalom: haste ye to depart, lest he hasten and overtake us, and bring down evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. 15 And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall ¹appoint. 16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house. 17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him; and they tarried ²in Beth-merhak. 18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king. 19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return, and abide with the king: for thou art a stranger, and also an exile; *get thee* to thy place. 20 Thou camest but yesterday, and should I this day make thee go up and down with us, seeing I go whither I may? return thou, and ³take back thy brethren with thee in mercy and truth. 21 And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, even there also will thy servant be. 22 And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him. 23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness. 24 And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they

¹ Heb. *choose*.

² Or, *at the Far House*.

³ Or, *take back thy brethren; mercy and truth be with thee*.

set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up; until all the people had done passing out of the city.

25 And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me both it, and ¹his habitation: 26 but if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.

¹ Or, *the habitation thereof.*

27 The king said also unto Zadok the priest, ²Seest thou? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. 28 See, I will tarry ³at the passages of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me. 29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried back the ark of God to Jerusalem: and they abode there. 30 And David went up by the ascent of the *mount of Olives*, weeping as he went up, and with his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that were with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. 31 And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. 32 And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of *the mount*, ⁴where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head: 33 and David said unto him, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me: 34 but if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant aforetime, so will I now also be thy servant: then shalt thou defeat for me the counsel of

² Or, *Art thou not a seer?*

³ Another reading is, *in the plains.*

⁴ Or, *where God was worshipped.*

Ahithophel. 35 And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. 36 Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye shall hear. 37 So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

XVI. 1 And when David was a little past the top of *the mount*, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred cakes of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. 2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, for such as be faint in the wilderness to drink. 3 And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father. 4 Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I bow myself down, let me find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king. 5 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, there came out thence a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came out, and cursed still as he came. 6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his

left. 7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Go forth, go forth, thou man of blood, and man of Belial: 8 the LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art *taken* in thine own mischief, because thou art a man of blood. 9 Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.

¹ Another reading is, *so let him curse.*

10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? ¹for he curseth, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so? 11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him. 12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine ²affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for ³his cursing this day. 13 So David and his men went by the way: and Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones over against him, and cast dust.

² Another reading is, *eye.*

³ Another reading is, *my.*

14 And the king came, and all the people that were with him, weary; and he refreshed himself there. 15 And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. 16 And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, ⁴God save the king, God save the king. 17 And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this

⁴ Heb. *Let the king live.*

thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend? 18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, his will I be, and with him will I abide. 19 And again, whom should I serve? *should I not serve* in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

20 Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do. 21 And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong. 22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. 23 And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man inquired at the word of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

XVII. 1 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: 2 and I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only: 3 and I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace. 4 And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise ¹what he saith. 6 And when Hushai was come to Absa-

¹ Heb. *what is in his mouth.*

lom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do *after* his saying? if not; speak thou.

7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given this time is not good. 8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be ¹chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. 9 Behold, he is hid now in one of the pits, or in one of the places: and it will come to pass, ²when some of them be fallen at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. 10 And even he that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men. 11 But I counsel that all Israel be gathered together unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that thy presence go to the battle. 12 And we shall come upon him in one of the places where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much as one. 13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there.

14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel,

¹ Heb. *bitter of soul.*

² Or, *when he falleth upon them.*

to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom. 15 Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled. 16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night ¹at the passages of the wilderness, but in any wise pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him. 17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel; and the maidservant went and told them; and they went and told king David: for they might not be seen to come into the city. 18 But a lad saw them, and told Absalom: and they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, which had a well in his court, and they went down thither. 19 And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and strewed bruised corn thereon; and nothing was known. 20 And Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, and they said, Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem. 21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David; and they said unto David, Arise ye, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you. 22 Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan. 23 And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to

¹ Another reading is, *in the plains.*

his city, and set his house in order, and hanged himself; and he died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

24 Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. 25 And Absalom set Amasa over the host instead of Joab. Now Amasa was a man's son, whose name was ¹Ithra the Israelite, that went in to ²Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother. 26 And Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, 28 brought beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and meal, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse, 29 and honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

XVIII.

1 And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2 And David sent forth the people, a third part under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite.

And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also. 3 But the people said, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: ³but thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou be

¹ In 1 Chr. ii. 19, *father the Ishmaelite*.

² In 1 Chr. ii. 16, 17, *Abigail*.

³ According to the present Hebrew text, *for now there are ten thousand such as we*.

ready to succour us out of the city. 4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands. 5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom. 6 So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the forest of Ephraim; 7 and the people of Israel were smitten there before the servants of David, and there was a great slaughter there that day of twenty thousand men. 8 For the battle was there spread over the face of all the country: and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured. 9 And Absalom chanced to meet the servants of David. Now Absalom rode upon his mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great ¹oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went on. 10 And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak. 11 And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest it, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten pieces of silver, and a girdle. 12 And the man said unto Joab, Though I should ²receive a thousand pieces of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, ³Beware that none touch the young man Absalom. 13 Or if I had dealt falsely against ⁴his life; and there is no matter

¹ Or, *terebinth*.

² Heb. *weigh upon mine hand*.

³ Heb. *Have a care who-soever ye be of, &c.*

⁴ Another reading is, *my*.

hid from the king; then thou thyself wouldest have held thyself aloof. 14 Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak. 15 And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him. 16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab ¹held back the people. 17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into the great pit in the forest, and raised over him a very great heap of stones: and all Israel fled every one to his tent. 18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself the pillar, which is in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called, Absalom's monument, unto this day.

¹ Or, *spared*.

² Heb. *judged him from the hand, &c.*

19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king good tidings, how that the LORD hath ²avenged him of his enemies. 20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not be the bearer of tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. 21 Then said Joab to the Cushite, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And the Cushite bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. 22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou wilt have no reward for the tidings? 23 But howsoever, *said he*, I will run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran the

Cushite. 24 And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. 25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. 26 And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. 27 And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings. 28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, ¹All is well. And he bowed himself before the king with his face to the earth, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king.

¹ Heb. *Peace.*

29 And the king said, ²Is all well with the young man Absalom? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was. 30 And the king said, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. 31 And, behold, the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, Tidings for my lord the king: for the LORD hath ³avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee.

² Heb. Is there *peace*?

³ Heb. *judged thee from the hand, &c.*

32 And the king said unto the Cushite, Is all well with the young man Absalom? And Cushi answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee for evil, be as that young man is. 33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he

[Ch. xix. 1. in Heb.]

said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O
NIX. Absalom, my son, my son! 1 And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom. 2 And the ¹victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day, The king grieveth for his son. 3 And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people that are put to shame steal away when they flee in battle. 4 And the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!

¹ Heb. *s. alva-*
tion.

5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; 6 in that thou lovest them that hate thee, and hatest them that love thee. For thou hast declared this day, that princes and servants are nought unto thee: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. 7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry a man with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that hath befallen thee from thy youth until now.

8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate: and all the people came before the king. But Israel had fled every man to his tent.

9 And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king

delivered us out of the hand of our enemies, and he saved us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom. 10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why ¹speak ye not a word of bringing the king back? ¹ Heb. are ye silent?

11 And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, *to bring him* to his house. 12 Ye are my brethren, ye are my bone and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king? 13 And say ye to Amasa, Art thou not my bone, and my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab. 14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as *the heart of one man*; so that they sent unto the king, *saying*, Return thou, and all thy servants. 15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to bring the king over Jordan. 16 And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite, which was of Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. 17 And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they plunged into Jordan in the presence of the king. 18 And there went over ²a ferry boat to bring over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he came over Jordan. 19 And he said unto the king, Let not my lord

² Or, the convey.

impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart. 20 For thy servant doth know that I have sinned : therefore, behold, I am come this day the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed ?

22 And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me ? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel ? for do not I know that I am this day king over Israel ?

23 Therefore the king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king sware unto him.

24 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came *again* in peace. 25 And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth ? 26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me : for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go ¹with the king ; because thy servant is lame. 27 And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king ; but my lord the king is an angel of God : do therefore what is good in thine eyes. 28 For all my father's house were but ²dead men before my lord the king : yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet that I should

¹ Another reading is, *to*.

² Heb. *men of death*.

cry any more unto the king? 29 And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba shall divide the land. 30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

31 Now Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim; and he went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan. 32 And Barzillai was a very aged man, even fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man. 33 And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will sustain thee with me in Jerusalem. 34 And Barzillai said unto the king, How many are the days of the years of my life, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem? 35 I am this day fourscore years old: can I discern between good and bad? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king? 36 Thy servant would but just go over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward? 37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, by the grave of my father and my mother. But behold thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee. 38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt¹ require of me, that will I do for thee. 39 And all the people went over Jordan, and the king

¹ Heb. *choose*
to lay upon.

went over : and the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him ; and he returned unto his own place.

¹ That is,
Chimham.

40 Then the king went over to Gilgal, and ¹Chimhan went over with him : and all the people of Judah brought the king over, and also half the people of Israel. 41 And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king, and his household, over Jordan, and all David's men with him ? 42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us : wherefore then be ye angry for this matter ? have we eaten at all of the king's cost ? or hath he given us any gift ?

² Or, and were
not we the first
to speak of
bringing back
our king ?

43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in David than ye : why then did ye despise us, ²that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king ? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel. XX. 1 And there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite : and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no portion in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse : every man to his tents, O Israel. 2 So all the men of Israel went up from following David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri : but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem. 3 And David came to his house at Jerusalem ; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and provided them with sustenance, but went not in unto them.

So they were shut up unto the day of their death, in widowhood all their life long.

4 Then said the king to Amasa, Call me the men of Judah together within three days, and be thou here present. 5 So Amasa went to call *the men of* Judah together : but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

6 And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom : take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape out of our sight. 7 And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men : and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

8 When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came before them. And Joab was girded with his apparel of war that he had put on, and thereon was a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof ; and as he went forth it fell out. 9 And Joab said to Amasa, Is it well with thee, my brother ? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand : so he smote him therewith ¹in the fifth *rib*, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and ²struck him not again ; and he died. And Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri. 11 And there stood by him one of Joab's young men, and said, He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, let him follow Joab. 12 And Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he carried Amasa out

¹ Or, in the abdomen.

² Heb. *doubled* not his stroke.

of the highway into the field, and cast a garment over him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still. 13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri. 14 And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maacah, and all Berim : and they were gathered together, and went also after him. 15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maacah, and they cast up a mount against the city, and it stood against the rampart : and all the people that were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down. 16 Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear ; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee. 17 And he came near unto her, and the woman said, Art thou Joab ? And he answered, I am. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear. 18 Then she spake, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask *counsel* at Abel : and so they ended *the matter*. 19 I am of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel : thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel : why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD ? 20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. 21 The matter is not so : but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David : deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall. 22 Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri,

and threw it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

23 Now Joab was over all the host of Israel : and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the ¹Cherethites and over the Pelethites : 24 and Adoram was over the ²tribute : and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the ³recorder : 25 and Sheva was ⁴scribe : and Zadok and Abiathar were priests : 26 and Ira also the Jairite was ⁵priest unto David.

XXI. 1 And there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year ; and David sought the face of the LORD. And the LORD said, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites. 2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them ; (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites ; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them : and Saul sought to smite them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah :) 3 and David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you ? and wherewith shall I make atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the LORD ? 4 And the Gibeonites said unto him, It is no matter of silver or gold between us and Saul, or his house ; neither is it for us to put any man to death in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, that will I do for you. 5 And they said unto the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us, *so that* we have been destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of Israel, 6 let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of the LORD. And

¹ Another reading is, *Cherites*. See 2 Kings xi. 4.

² Or, *levy*.

³ Or, *remembrancer* ; or, *chronicler*.

⁴ Or, *secretary*.

⁵ Or, *a chief minister*.

¹ Chr. xviii.

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the king said, I will give them. 7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. 8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of ¹Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she bare to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite: 9 and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the mountain before the LORD, and they fell *all* seven together: and they were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, at the beginning of barley harvest. 10 And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night. 11 And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. 12 And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the ²street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, in the day that the Philistines slew Saul in Gilboa: 13 and he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged. 14 And they buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was intreated for the land.

15 And the Philistines had war again with

¹ In 1 Sam. xviii. 19, *Merab*.

² Or, *broad place*.

Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint. 16 And Ishbi-benob, which was of the sons of ¹Raphah, the weight of whose spear was three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with ²a new sword, thought to have slain David. 17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David sware unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the ³light of Israel.

¹ Or, the giant.

² Or, new armour.

³ Or, lamp.

18 And it came to pass after this, that there was again war with the Philistines in ⁴Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew ⁵Saph, which was of the sons of ¹Raphah.

⁴ In 1 Chr. xx. 4, Gezer.

⁵ Or, Sippai.

19 And there was again war with the Philistines in Gob; and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, the Beth-lehemite, slew ⁶Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

⁶ In 1 Chr. xx. 5, the brother of Goliath.

20 And there was again war in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to ¹Raphah. 21 And he ⁷defied Israel, and Jonathan the son of ⁸Shimei the brother of David slew him. 22 These four were born to ¹Raphah in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

⁷ Or, re-proached.

⁸ In 1 Sam. xvi. 9, Sham-mah.

In 1 Chr. xx. 7, Shimea.

XXII. 1 And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: 2 and he said,

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, even mine;

3 The God of my rock, I will trust in him:

My shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my high tower,
And my refuge; my saviour, thou savest
me from violence.

4 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to
be praised:

So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

5 For the waves of death compassed me,
The floods of ¹ungodliness made me afraid;

¹ Heb. *Belial*.

² Or, *the grave*.

6 The cords of ²Sheol were round about me;
The snares of death prevented me;

7 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
Yea I called unto my God:
And he heard my voice out of his temple,
And my cry *came* into his ears.

8 Then the earth shook and trembled;
The foundations of heaven moved,
And were shaken, because he was wroth.

³ Heb. *in*.

9 There went up⁴ a smoke³ out of his nostrils,
And fire out of his mouth devoured:
Coals were kindled by it.

10 He bowed the heavens also, and came
down;
And thick darkness was under his feet.

11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly:
And he was seen upon the wings of the
wind.

12 And he made darkness pavilions round
about him,

⁴ Or, *Binding*.

⁴Gathering of waters, thick clouds of the
skies.

13 At the brightness before him were coals of
fire kindled.

14 The LORD thundered from heaven,
And the most High uttered his voice.

15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered
them;
Lightning, and discomfited them.

- 16 And the channels of the sea appeared,
The foundations of the world were laid
bare,
At the rebuke of the LORD,
At the blast of the breath of his nostrils.
- 17 He sent from on high, he took me ;
He drew me out of ¹many waters ;
- 18 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
From them that hated me : for they were
too mighty for me.
- 19 They prevented me in the day of my
calamity :
But the LORD was my stay.
- 20 He brought me forth also into a large place :
He delivered me, because he delighted in
me.
- 21 The LORD rewarded me according to my
righteousness :
According to the cleanness of my hands
hath he recompensed me.
- 22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my
God.
- 23 For all his judgments are before me :
And as for his statutes, I did not depart
from them.
- 24 I was also perfect before him,
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
- 25 Therefore the LORD recompensed me ac-
cording to my righteousness ;
According to my cleanness in his eye sight.
- 26 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself
merciful,
With the perfect man thou wilt shew thyself
perfect.
- 27 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure ;
And with the perverse thou wilt shew thy-
self ²froward.

¹ Or, *great*.² Or, *un-
savoury*.

- 28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save :
 But thine eyes are upon the haughty, ¹whom
 thou wilt bring down.
- 29 For thou art my lamp, O LORD :
 And the LORD will lighten my darkness.
- 30 For by thee I have run upon a troop :
 By my God have I leaped over a wall.
- 31 As for God, his way is perfect ;
 The word of the LORD is tried :
 He is a shield unto all them that trust in
 him.
- 32 For who is God, save the LORD ?
 And who is a rock, save our God ?
- 33 God is my strong fortress :
 And he ²guideth the perfect on his way.
- 34 He maketh ³his feet like hinds' feet :
 And setteth me upon my high places.
- 35 He teacheth my hands ⁴to war ;
⁵So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.
- 36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy
 salvation :
 And thy gentleness hath made me great.
- 37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me ;
 And my ⁶feet have not slipped.
- 38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed
 them ;
 Neither did I turn again till they were con-
 sumed.
- 39 And I have consumed them, and smitten
 them through, that they could not arise :
 Yea, they are fallen under my feet.
- 40 For thou hast girded me with strength for
 war :
 Thou hast ⁷subdued under me them that rose
 up against me.
- 41 Thou hast also made mine enemies turn
 their backs unto me,
 That I might destroy them that hate me.

¹ Or, *that thou
 mayest bring
 them down.*

² Or, *setteth
 free.* According
 to another
 reading,
*guideth my
 way in perfect-
 ness.*

³ Another
 reading is, *my.*

⁴ Heb. *for the
 war.*

⁵ Or, *So that a
 bow of brass is
 broken by mine
 arms.*

⁶ Heb. *ankles.*

⁷ Heb. *caused
 to bow.*

- 42 They looked, but there was none to save ;
Even unto the LORD, but he answered them
not.
- 43 Then did I beat them small as the dust of
the earth,
I did stamp them as the mire of the streets,
I did spread them abroad.
- 44 Thou also hast delivered me from the striv-
ings of my people,
Thou hast kept me to be head of the
nations :
A people whom I have not known shall
serve me.
- 45 The strangers shall ¹submit themselves unto me :
As soon as they hear, they shall obey me. ¹ Or, *yield
feigned obe-
dience.*
Heb. *lie.*
- 46 The strangers shall fade away,
And they shall ²shrink for fear out of their
close places. ² Or, *gird
themselves.*
- 47 The LORD liveth ; and blessed be my rock ;
And exalted be the God of the rock of my
salvation.
- 48 The God that executeth vengeance for me,
And bringeth down peoples under me,
- 49 And that bringeth me forth from mine
enemies :
Yea thou liftest me up above them that rise
up against me :
Thou hast delivered me from the violent
man.
- 50 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O
LORD, among the nations,
And will sing praises unto thy name.
- 51 ³Great ⁴deliverance giveth he to his king :
And sheweth mercy to his anointed,
To David, and to his seed for evermore. ³ Another
reading is, *He
is a tower of
deliverance.*
⁴ Heb. *salva-
tions.*
- XXIII. 1 And these are the ⁵last words of David.
David the son of Jesse saith, ⁵ Or, *later.*

¹ Heb. *pleasant in the psalms of Israel.*

And the man saith who was raised on high,
The anointed of the God of Jacob,
And ¹ the sweet psalmist of Israel :
2 The Spirit of the LORD spake in me,
And his word was upon my tongue.
3 The God of Israel said,
The Rock of Israel spake to me,
A ruler over men, a just one ;
A ruler in the fear of God ;
4 *He shall be* as the light of the morning,
when the sun riseth,
A morning without clouds ;
As when the tender grass *springeth* out of
the earth
Through clear shining after rain.

² Or, *For is not my house so with God, that, &c.*
Or, *Verily not so is my house with God ; yet, &c., for it is all my salvation and all my desire, although he make it not to grow.*

³ See Deut. xiii. 13.

⁴ Heb. *filled.*

5 ² For is not my house so with God ?
For he hath made with me an everlasting
covenant,
Ordered in all things, and sure :
For all my salvation, and all *my* desire,
Will he not make it to grow ?
6 But *the sons of* ³ Belial, as thorns shall all of
them be thrust away,
For they cannot be taken with the hand :
7 But the man that toucheth them
Must be ⁴ fenced with iron and the staff of a
spear ;
And they shall be utterly burned with fire
in *their* place.

⁵ The verse is probably corrupt. See I Chr. xi. 11.

8 These be the names of the mighty men whom David had : ⁵ Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains ; the same was Adino the Eznite, against eight hundred slain at one time.

⁶ Or, *Dodai.*
1 Chr. xi. 12.

9 And after him was Eleazar the son of ⁶ Dodai the son of Ahohi, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to

battle, and the men of Israel were gone up : 10 he arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword : and the LORD wrought a great victory that day ; and the people returned after him only to spoil.

11 And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together ¹into a troop, where was a plot of ground full of lentiles : and the people fled from the Philistines. 12 But he stood in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and slew the Philistines : and the LORD wrought a great victory. 13 And ²three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam : and a troop of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim.

¹ Or, *for foraging.*

² According to another reading, *thirty of the captains.*

14 And David was then in the hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem. 15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate ! 16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David : nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD. 17 And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this : *shall I drink* the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives ? therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.

18 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief ³of the captains. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, ⁴and slew them ; and he had a name among the

³ Or, *of the three.* 1 Chr. xi. 20.

⁴ Heb. *slain.*

three. 19 Was he not most honourable of the three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the *first* three.

¹ According to another reading, *Ish-hai*.

20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of ¹a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, he slew the two *sons of* Ariel of Moab: he went down also and slew the lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow: 21 and he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. 22 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he had a name among the three mighty men. 23 He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three. And David set him over his council.

24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, 25 Shammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite, 26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, 27 Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, 28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite, 29 Heleb the son of Baanah, the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, 30 Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash, 31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, 32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite, *of* the sons of Jashen, Jonathan, 33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite, 34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maacathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite, 35 ²Hezro the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, 36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, 37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, ³armour-

² Or, *Hevai*.

³ Another reading is, *armourbearer*.

bearers to Joab the son of Zeruiah, 38 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, 39 Uriah the Hittite: thirty and seven in all.

XXIV. 1 And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them, saying, Go, number Israel and Judah. 2 And the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the sum of the people. 3 And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing? 4 But the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. 5 And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of the river ¹of Gad, and unto Jazer: 6 and they came to Gilead, and to the ²land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and round about to Zidon, 7 and they came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the South of Judah, at Beer-sheba. 8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. 9 And Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. 10 And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David

¹ Or, *toward*.

² Or, *nether land of Hodshi*.

said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, O LORD, take away, I pray thee, the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. ¹¹ And David rose up in the morning: and the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,

¹² Go and speak unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. ¹³ So Gad came to David, and told him; and he said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine adversaries while they pursue thee? or shall there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise thee, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

¹⁴ And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are ¹great: and let me not fall into the hand of man. ¹⁵ So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the ²time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men. ¹⁶ And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: now slack thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing-floor of ³Ornah the Jebusite. ¹⁷ And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done perversely: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

¹ Or, *many*.

² Or, *time of the assembly*.

³ In verse 18, *Arannah*, in verses 20, &c., *Ararnah*. In 1 Chr. xxi. 15, *Ornan*.

18 And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araniah the Jebusite.

19 And David went up according to the word of Gad, as the LORD commanded.

20 And Aravnah looked forth, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Aravnah went out, and bowed himself to the king with his face to the ground.

21 And Aravnah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

22 And Aravnah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold the oxen for the burnt-offering, and the threshing instruments and the furniture of the oxen for the wood:

23 ¹all this hath Aravnah, O king, given unto the king.

And Aravnah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee.

24 And the king said unto Aravnah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD my God which cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

¹ Or, all this did Aravnah the king give, &c.

- IV. 1 sat him—sat
 3 come again—returned
 field—country
 4 dele marg.²
 he will—thou wilt (add marg. Heb. *he will*)
 an—come
 7 changing—exchanging
 for to—to
 8 Therefore—And
 11 thine house—thy house
 14 which—who (so 15 *bis*)
 20 Salsah—Salmon (add marg. Heb. *Salmah*)

I SAMUEL.

- I. 1 Ephrathite—Ephraimite (as Judg. xii. 5)
 5 marg.¹ in text
 6 for to—to
 11 thine handmaid—thy handmaid (3 times) so 16, 18
 16 daughter of Belial—base woman
 18 grace—favour
 23 abode,—tarried (as in preceding clause)
 suck—suck,
 24 in Shilo—to Shiloh
 28 lent him—yielded him up (dele marg.^{1, 2, 3})
 lent—yielded up
- II. 1 Mine horn—My horn
 4 the mighty—mighty
 5 dele marg.²
 6 marg.³ in text
 8 poor—afflicted
 That he may set them among—To make them sit with
 And make—And he maketh
 the throne—a throne
 9 holy one—holy ones (dele marg.⁴) The *scriptio defectiva* does not
 suggest a various reading any more than in ver. 10
 12 sons of Belial—base men
 16 any man—the man
 Let them not fail to—They will surely
 20 loan—petition (as i. 14) dele marg.⁴
 lent for—asked of
 22 heard—he heard
 Tent of Meeting—tent of meeting
 23 of these your evil dealings—evil things of you
 the people—this people
 24 dele marg.^{1, 2}
 26 was—increased
 28 marg.^{3, 4, 5} in text
 fire-sacrifices—fire-offerings
 29 which are my people's—my people
 31 thine house—thy house (so 32, 33, 36)

- II. 32 in all—amidst all
 wealth—good
 given—done
 add to marg.¹ Or, *affliction at home* (margin reserved)
 33 first clause as A. V.
 35 mine heart—my heart
- III. 1 marg.³ in text.
 open—frequent (from marg.⁴)
 3 laid—lain
 8 had called—was calling
 12 confirm—perform (as A. V.) as Gen. xxvi. 3, 1 Sam. xv. 11, 13,
 Jer. xxviii. 16, xxix. 10, xxxiii. 14, xxxiv. 18, xxxv. 16, etc.
 when I—I will
 15 opened—he opened
 shew—tell
 17 any thing—a word
 things—words
 18 whit—word
 21 Shilo—Shiloh
- IV. 1 Now—And (not to be severed from the preceding statement, but its
 consequence)
 pitched—encamped (*bis*)
 4 which—who
 10 into—to
 21 I-chabod—Icabod (?)
- V. 4 ground—earth
 11 again—back
 his own—its own
- VI. 2 his place—its place
 3 guilt-offering—trespass-offering (so 8, 17)
 6 make your heart stubborn—harden your heart
 made their heart stubborn—hardened their heart
 7 make—prepare
 tie—bind
 home—back home
 10 tied—bound
 12 way of—way to
 the highway—a highway (dele marg.¹)
 14 dele “up” (as A. V. and ver. 15) so 10
 18 fenced—fortified
 21 again—back
- VII. 1 in—on
 marg.¹ *Gibeah—in Gibeah*
 8 dele “will”

VIII. 3 way—ways (dele marg.¹)

- 7 read "for it is not thou, whom they have rejected"
 13 confectionaries—perfumers (from marg.¹)
 18 which—whom

IX. 1 Bechorath—Becorath (?)

- 2 dele "choice."
 3 dele marg.¹
 5 come to—come into
 6 shew—tell (so 8)
 9 he is—he that is
 Prophet that—Prophet (as A. V.)
 13 as soon as ye be—when ye are
 be bidden—are bidden
 get you—go ye
 14 came out against them—was going out toward them
 15 told Samuel in his ear—revealed to Samuel (as 2 Sam. vii. 27)
 16 that he may—and he shall
 19 to-morrow—in the morning
 21 tribes—tribe (add marg. Heb. *tribes*)
 22 read "and gave them a place at the head of them that were bidden,
 who
 26 spring—dawning (as Josh. vi. 15)
 27 to the end—at the end

X. 2 left the care of—left off caring for

- 4 salute thee—ask thee of thy welfare (as Gen. xliii. 27, Ex. xviii. 7, .
 Judg. xviii. 15, 1 Sam. xvii. 22; but see 1 Sam. xxv. 5, xxx. 21,
 2 Sam. viii. 10)
 7 marg.⁴ in text
 that thou do as occasion serve thee—thou shalt do whatsoever thy
 hand findeth *to do*
 dele from marg.⁵ *as thine hand shall find*
 18 I brought—It is I who brought
 20 And when Samuel had—So Samuel (comp. Josh. vii. 16, 17)
 the tribe—and the tribe
 21 And when he had—And he
 the family—and the family
 when they—they
 he could—but he could
 22 fill the vacant space
 stuff—baggage (as xvii. 22)
 27 children of Belial—base men

XI. 2 *a covenant*—a covenant

- 7 marg.¹ in text
 11 was so—came to pass

- XII. 6 advanced—appointed
 7 of all—concerning all
 8 then your—and your (as A. V.)
 and the—then the
 which—who
 11 dele marg.¹
 14 be followers—shall be followers
 25 do—shall still do (as A. V.)

- XIII. 2 dele “whereof”
 5 pitched—encamped
 12 read “Now will the Philistines come down”
 15 gat him up—went up
 16 Geba—Gibeah
 23 passage—pass

- XIV. 3 I-chabod—Icabod (?)
 4 passages—passes
 5 situate—a pillar (reserved)
 7 thine heart—thy heart (as next clause)
 14 exchange text and marg.¹
 19 fill vacant space (so 36)
 thine hand—thy hand
 21 which—that (so 22)
 22 mount—the hill country of
 24 dele “any” (as 28)
 26 a stream of honey—the honey dropped (as A. V.)
 43 mine hand—my hand
 45 God forbid—far be it

- XV. 3 devote—devote to destruction
 14 the sheep—sheep
 the oxen—oxen
 15 devoted—devoted to destruction
 32 delicately—cheerfully
 35 came no more to see Saul—saw Saul no more

- XVI. 1 thine horn—thy horn
 7 countenance—appearance
 it is—I see
 12 withal—also
 fill vacant space
 16 which—that
 cunning—skilful (so 18)

- XVII. 1 pitched—encamped (so 2)
 2 set the battle in array—set themselves in array for battle
 3 there was a valley—a valley was

- XVII. 7 staff—shaft (dele marg.³)
 8 cried—called (dele marg.⁴)
 a Philistine—the Philistine
 20-22 dele marg.^{3, 4, 5} and marg.¹
 21 put the battle—set themselves
 25 exchange text and marg. (see 10)
 28 thine heart—thy heart
 29 Is there not a cause—Was it not a *mere* word (dele marg.⁴)
 32 marg.¹ in text
 37 fill vacant space
 42 dele “but”
 withal of a fair countenance—also fair to look upon
 45 reproached—defied
 46 dele marg.^{2, 3}
 mine hand—my hand
 thine head—thy head
 52 Gai—Gath (substitute for marg.¹ Heb. *Gai*)
 55 cannot tell—know not
 Inquire—Ask
- XVIII. 11 avoided out of—turned away from (as xvii. 30)
 17 mine hand—my hand
 21 last clause reserved
 22 Commune with—Speak to
 30 set by—prized
- XIX. 7 shewed—told
 dele “those”
 13 exchange text and marg.¹ (so 16)
 22 well—cistern
- XX. 2 God forbid—Far be it
 3 grace—favour
 6 miss me at all—verily miss me
 19 marg.⁵ *business*—evil *deed*
 21 sat him—sat
 meat—food
 27 after—of
 33 of his—by his
 34 meat—food
 36 dele marg.²
 40 artillery—weapons (dele marg.³)
 41 ground—earth
 42 the verse should not be divided
- XXI. 1 went—came
 3 thine hand—thy hand
 mine hand—my hand (so 4)

XXI. 5 reserved

9 fill vacant space

10 for fear—because

went—came

13 reserved

scrabbed—scrawled

XXII. 5 Hareth—Hereth

6 tree—tamarisk (dele marg.¹)exchange text and marg.²

7 give—also give

8 marg.³ in text

9 which—who (so 14)

13 hast given—didst give

hast asked—didst ask

14 thine house—thy house

17 fled—was fleeing

18 fell—he fell (emphatic pronoun in Hebrew ; so A V)

persons—men

23 fear not :—fear not ;

XXIII. 2 fill vacant space (so 11)

3 we be—we are

4 thine hand—thy hand

5 read “ And David saved ”

7 substitute for marg.¹ Heb. *estranged*

mine hand—my hand

12 me up—up me

13 which—who

14 dwelt—abode (as A. V. and as next clause)

holds, and—holds ; and he

19 exchange text and marg.² (so 24)

23 throughout—among (to avoid alliteration)

25 they told—it was told

26 for fear—because

27 spread themselves over—made a raid upon (as xxvii. 10, xxx. 1)

XXIV. 3 abode—were abiding

4 thine hand—thy hand (so 15, 18, 20)

6 stretch forth—put forth

mine hand—my hand (so 10 *bis*, 11, 12, 13)

10 dele “ had ”

15 thee, and see—thee ; and let him see

19 reward—shall reward

XXV. 3 countenance—form

dele marg.^{1, 2}

4 did shear—was shearing

- XXV. 6 thine house—thy house (so 35)
 8 thine hand—thy hand
 10 there be—there are
 11 whom—of whom
 they be—they are
 13 stuff—baggage (as xvii. 22)
 11 flew upon—railed at (as A. V.)
 add marg. Or, *flew upon*
 15 were conversant—went up and down
 fields—field
 17 for he—and he
 son of Belial—base man
 18 corn—grain
 an hundred—a hundred
 lumps—cakes (as Isa. xxxviii. 21)
 20 against—over against
 22 read “any male” (voted unanimously)
 23 her ass—the ass
 24 thine handmaid—thy handmaid (*bis*, so 25, 28, 31, 41)
 25 man of Belial—base man
 28 house: . . . LORD,—house, . . . LORD;
 hath not been found in—shall not be found with (not past character
 but future destiny)
 30 shall have done—shall do
 have appointed—appoint
 31 causeless—without cause
 shall have dealt—shall deal
 32 which—who (so 33, 34, 41)
 34 read “surely not a male had been left” (unanimous)
 44 marg.¹ in text

- XXVI. 1 (figure omitted)
 exchange text and marg.³ (so 3)
 3 pitched—encamped (so 5)
 7 and his—with his
 8 thine hand—thy hand
 9 can stretch—hath put
 and be—and been
 11 stretch forth mine—put forth my (so 23)
 15 dele “*valiant*”
 18 doth my lord thus pursue—is it that my lord pursueth
 25 and thou shalt—and shalt surely

- XXVII. 5 grace—favour
 8 Gerzites—Girzites
 marg.⁴ *Gezoites* (misprint)—Gezrites
 which—that

XXVII. 9 read "sheep, and oxen, and asses, and camels, and apparel "

11 on us—of us ("tell on us" is a vulgarism here)

12 therefore he shall be—and he is become

XXVIII. 2 Wherefore—Therefore

mine head—my head

4 pitched—encamped (*bis*)

7 enquire (2 Sam. v. 23, inquire—which spelling is to be adopted?)

14 ground—earth

worshipped—did obeisance (as xxiv. 8, etc.)

15 sore distressed—in a great strait (as 2 Sam. xxiv. 14, and less subjective)

17 dele marg.³

thine hand—thy hand

18 executedst—execute

21 thine handmaid—thy handmaid (so 22)

XXIX. 1 pitched—encamped

2 rereward—rearward

3 read "What *do* these Hebrews *here*?" (as A. V.)

4 go again—go back

10 ye be—ye are

XXX. 1 and Ziklag—and upon Ziklag

2 great and small—small and great

10 which—who (so 17, 21)

so faint that they could not—too faint to (see Ruth i. 12, etc.) so 21.

13 ago—ago

16 keeping festival—dancing (as A. V.)

21 whom—and whom

dele "also"

22 men of Belial—base men

ought—ought

24 For—And

but—for

stuff—baggage

27-31 which—that (13 times)

XXXI. 13 tree—tamarisk (dele marg.¹)

II SAMUEL.

- I. 2 camp—host (so 3)
 4 That the—The
 5 be dead—are dead
 9 upon—near (so 10)
 dele marg.¹
 10 was sure—knew
 11 hold on—hold of
 14 stretch forth thine—put forth thy
 19 dele marg.³
 21 dele marg.¹
 23 Lovely—That were lovely
 they were not—were not
 24 put on—put
- II. 6 will requite you this kindness—shew you this favour (see 1 Sam. ii.
 26, xxix. 6)
 7 your master Saul—Saul, your lord (see ver. 5, x. 3, xiv. 15)
 15 which pertained to—for
 to—for
 20 Art thou—Is it thou (as 1 Kin. xviii. 7, 8)
 I am—It is I
 21 of him—him
 25 an hill—a hill
 31 dele “*so that*”
 died—that died
- III. 6 held strongly by—shewed himself strong for
 8 read “upon me this day the fault”
 10 translate—transfer
 14 which—whom
 an hundred—a hundred
 15 dele “even”
 22 from their troop—from a foray (from marg.¹) add marg. Heb. *the*
 troop
 29 on the sword—by the sword
 30 Now—So
 had slain—slew (as A. V.)
 39 be—are

- IV. 3 were—have been
 6 attach marg.¹ to “as though” and read Heb. *fetching wheat*
 8 which—who
- V. 2 fill vacant space
 6 which—who
 exchange text and marg.¹ substituting in latter “keep” for “*shalt take*”
 thinking—meaning (delete marg.²)
 8 read “let him reach by the watercourse both the lame” etc.
 add marg. to “There are” Or, *the blind and the lame shall not come into the house* (as A. V. text)
 10 God of hosts—the God of hosts
 11 an house—a house
 14 these be—these are
 17 But—Now
 18 Now—And
 19 inquired—asked (so 23)
 mine hand—my hand
 fill vacant space
 thine hand—thy hand
 20 attach marg.² to “Baal” and read That is, *The place of breaking forth*
 23 delete “but”
 marg.¹ delete “Heb. *Becaim*. Perhaps,” and read Or, *balsam trees*
- VI. 2 attach marg.³ to “dwelleth” and read “Or, *sitteth* above”
 7 delete marg.¹
 13 Exchange text and marg.
 21 which—who
 22 add marg. to “of” Or, *with* (bis)
 23 Therefore—And
- VII. 2 an house—a house (so 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 27)
 3 thine heart—thy heart
 4 fill vacant space
 8 so shalt—thus shalt
 9 great ones—great men (as A. V.)
 12 be fulfilled—are fulfilled
 which—that
 13 stablish—establish
 15 mercy—kindness (as 1 Kin. 3, 6, etc. etc.)
 16 thine house—thy house
 18 God—Jehovah (so 19 *bis*, 20, 28, 29)
 19 but—and
 last clause reserved
 21 wrought all this greatness—done all these great things (as A. V.)
 know it—know them

- VII. 23 dele "their"
 work—do
 greatness—great
 25 said—spoken (as preceding clause)
- VIII. 4 an hundred—a hundred
 18 Jehoiada, and—Jehoiada *was over* both (as A. V.)
 marg.⁸ In—See xx. 23 (and dele "was over")
 Exchange text and marg.⁹
- IX. 3 which—who
 13 on—of (as 3)
- X. 6 stank before—were become odious to (see 1 Chron. xix. 6)
 8 put their battle in array—set themselves in array for battle
 9 face—front (as A. V.) and see xi. 15
 10 Abshai—Abishai (dele marg.¹)
 12 do—will do
 15 put to the worse—smitten
 16 and Shobach—with Shobach
 18 that he—and he
- XI. 3 marg.¹ Or,—In 1 Chron. iii. 5,
 4 for she was purified—and she purified herself (add marg. Or, *had purified*)
 10 thine house—thy house
 11 mine house—my house
 16 dele marg.³
 the valiant—valiant
 17 people of the—people, the
 20 approached—went (as 21)
 22 shewed—told
 24 be dead—are dead
 27 took her home—fetched her (as A. V.)
- XII. 10 thine house—thy house
 13 fill vacant space
 18 last clause reserved
 31 malcan—the brickkiln (with marg. Another reading is, *the place of Moloch*.)
- XIII. 3 subtil—subtle
 8 laid—lying
 14 overpowered her—was stronger than she (as A. V.)
 16 dele marg.¹
 20 Amnon—Amnon (dele marg.³)
 31 hill—mountain
 35 come—are come
 39 reserved with xiv. 1

XIV. 5 dele "woman"

- 7 thine handmaid—thy handmaid (as 6) so 12
said—say (required by the consecution of tenses in English)
- 8 thine house—thy house
- 11 a revenger—the avenger (as *passim*)
- 13 which—that
- 20 an angel—the angel
all things that are—all that is
- 21 again—back
- 22 grace—favour
- 24 and let him—but he shall
- 26 polled—shaved (3 times) see Ezek. xliv. 20, in which passage change
"poll" to "shear"
- 27 of a fair countenance—fair to look upon
- 32 let me see—I must see

XV. 2 read "man who had a suit was coming"

- 8 again—back
- 16 which—who
- 20 exchange text and marg.
- 28 passages—passes
certify—tell

XVI. 1 an hundred—a hundred (*bis*)

- bottle—skin (so also 1 Sam. i. 24, x. 3, xvi. 20, xxv. 18, Josh. ix.
4, 13 [wine-skins], Judg. iv. 19, Ps. cxix. 83 [skin-bottle])
- 2 be—are (*bis*)
- 4 are—is
grace—favour
- 7 men of Belial—base men
- 13 fill vacant space
- 21 which—whom
- 23 inquired—asked

XVII. 8 be—are (*bis*)

- 9 be—are
- 11 restore A. V. with omission of "thine own"
- 14 fill vacant space
- 16 passages—passes
- 18 a man's house—the house of a man
which—who
- 20 be—are
- 25 a man's son—the son of a man
- 26 pitched—encamped

XVIII. 2 fill vacant space

- 12 mine—my (*bis*)
marg.³ in text (*Hav—Have*)

- XVIII. 13 in parenthesis (and there is no matter hid from the king;) held thyself aloof—set thyself against me
 19 dele “good”
 22 Cushi—the Cushite (as elsewhere) so 32
 28 which—who
 30 dele “still”
 33 dele marg.
 would God—would
 for thee—instead of thee
- XIX. 5 which—who (so 16)
 17 plunged into—passed through
 in the presence of—before (as A. V.)
 24 dele “again”
 27 an angel—the angel
 37 turn back again—return (comp. 39)
 40 Chimhan—Chimham
 marg¹ That is, *Chimham*—Heb. *Chimhan*
 41 have brought—brought
 42 be ye—are ye
 of the king’s cost—at the king’s cost
- XX. 1 man of Belial—base man
 6 fenced—fortified
 17 thine handmaid—thy handmaid
- XXI. 1 fill vacant space (so 6)
 12 which—who
 18 marg.⁵ Or, *Sippai*—In Chron. xx. 4, *Sippai*
- XXII. 3 trust—take refuge
 6 prevented—met
 9 out of his nostrils—in his anger.

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THE

FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS.

1 Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. 2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and cherish him; and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. 3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4 And the damsel was very fair; and she cherished the king, and ministered to him; but the king knew her not. 5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. 6 And his father had not displeased him ¹at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and *his mother* bare him after Absalom. 7 And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him. 8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged

¹ Or, *all his life*.

to David, were not with Adonijah. 9 And Adonijah ¹slew sheep and oxen and fatlings by ²the stone of Zoheleth, which is by En-rogel; and he called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants: 10 but Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not. 11 Then Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? 12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. 13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? 14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words. 15 And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king. 16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou? 17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, *saying*, Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. 18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; ³and, my lord the king, thou knowest it not: 19 and he hath ⁴slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. 20 And ⁵thou, my

¹ Or, *sacrificed*.

² Or, *Eben-zoheleth*.

³ Another reading is *and now, my lord the king, thou &c.*

⁴ Or, *sacrificed*.

⁵ Another reading is *now*.

lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 Otherwise it shall come to pass when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that

I and my son Solomon shall be counted ¹of- ¹ Heb. *sinners*. fenders.

22 And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah.

26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed unto thy ²servants, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba.

And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king sware, and said, As the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, 30 surely as I sware unto thee by the LORD, the God of Israel, saying, Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; surely so will I do this day.

31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did obeisance to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

32 And king David said, Call me

² Another reading is *servant*.

Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. 33 And the king said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon: 34 and let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. 35 Then ye shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be prince over Israel and over Judah. 36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD, the God of my lord the king, say so too. 37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David. 38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. 39 And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out of the tent and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon. 40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them. 41 And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar? 42 While he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said, Come in; for thou art a worthy man,

and bringest good tidings. 43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king: 44 and the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule: 45 and Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard. 46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. 47 And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, ¹Thy God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne: and the king bowed himself upon the bed. 48 And also thus said the king, Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it. 49 And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way. 50 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon; and he arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. 51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: and lo, he hath laid hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me this day that he will not slay his servant with the sword. 52 And Solomon said, If he shall shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness be found in him, he shall die. 53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and did obeisance to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

* Another
reading omits
Thy.

II. 1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, 2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; 3 and keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: 4 that the LORD may establish his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not ¹fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel. 5 Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did unto me, even what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and ²shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet. 6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to ³the grave in peace. 7 But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled from the face of Absalom thy brother. 8 And, behold, there is with thee Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. 9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless, for thou art a wise man; and thou wilt know what thou

¹ Heb. *be cut off from thee a man from upon the throne.*

² Heb. *set.*

³ Heb. *Sheol.*

oughtest to do unto him, and thou shalt bring his hoar head down to ¹the grave with blood. ¹⁰ So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹ And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

¹² And Solomon sat upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly. ¹³ Then Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably. ¹⁴ He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on. ¹⁵ And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD. ¹⁶ And now I ask one petition of thee, ²deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on. ¹⁷ And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife. ¹⁸ And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king. ¹⁹ Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. ²⁰ Then she said, I ask one small petition of thee; say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay. ²¹ And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife. ²² And king Solomon answered and

¹ Heb. *Sheol*.² Heb. *turn not away my face*.

said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. 23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life. 24 Now therefore as the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, surely Adonijah shall be put to death this day. 25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died. 26 And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord God before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. 27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh. 28 And the tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tent of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. 29 And it was told king Solomon, Joab is fled unto the tent of the LORD, and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him. 30 And Benaiah came to the tent of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah

brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me. 31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the blood, which Joab shed without cause, from me, and from my father's house. 32 And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, because he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, and my father David knew it not, *to wit*, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah. 33 So shall their blood return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD. 34 Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. 35 And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar. 36 And the king sent, and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither. 37 For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head. 38 And Shimei said unto the king, The word is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. 39 And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish, son of Maacah, king of Gath. And they told

Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants be in Gath. 40 And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish, to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath. 41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again. 42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for certain, that on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word that I have heard is good. 43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with? 44 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head. 45 But king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever. 46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

III. 1 And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about. 2 Only the people sacrificed in the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days. 3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high

places. 4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. 5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. 6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great kindness, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or come in. 8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. 9 Give therefore unto thy servant an ¹understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? 10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself many days; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to ²discern judgment; 12 behold, I have done according to thy word: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there hath been none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. 13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honour, so that there ³shall not be any among the kings like

¹ Heb. *hearing*.

² Heb. *hear*.

³ Or, *hath not been*.

unto thee, all thy days. 14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days. 15 And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream : and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants. 16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. 17 And the one woman said, Oh, my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house ; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. 18 And it came to pass the third day after I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also ; and we were together ; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. 19 And this woman's child died in the night ; because she overlaid it. 20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead : but when I considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. 22 And the other woman said, Nay ; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No ; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king. 23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead : and the other saith, Nay ; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. 24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. 25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the

other. 26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. 27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. 28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

IV. 1 So king Solomon was king over all Israel. 2 And these were the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok was ¹the ²priest; 3 Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, were ³scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, was the ⁴recorder; 4 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; 5 and Azariah the son of Nathan was over ⁵the officers; and Zabud the son of Nathan was ⁶priest, *and* the king's friend; 6 and Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the levy. 7 And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, ~~which~~ provided victuals for the king and his household: each man had to make provision for a month in the year. 8 And these are their names: Ben-hur, in mount Ephraim: 9 Bendeke, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Bethshemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan: 10 Ben-hesed, in Arubboth; ~~to him pertained~~ Socoh, and all the land of Hephher: 11 Ben-abinadab, in all ⁷the ⁸height of Dor; he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife: 12 Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach and Megiddo, and all Bethshean which is beside Zarethanah, beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, even

¹ See 1 Chr. vi. 10.

² Or, chief minister. See 2 Sam. viii. 18.

³ Or, secretaries.

⁴ Or, chronicler.

⁵ ver. 7.

⁶ Or, chief minister.

⁷ Or, Naphthod.

⁸ Or, region.

unto *the place that is* over against Jokmeam :
 13 Ben-geber, in Ramoth-gilead ; to him *per-
 tained* ¹the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh,
 which are in Gilead ; to him *also pertained* the re-
 gion of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore
 great cities with walls and brasen bars : 14 Ahi-
 nadab the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim : 15 Ahimaaz,
 in Naphtali ; he also took Basemath the daughter
 of Solomon to wife : 16 Baana the son of
 Hushai, in Asher and ²Bealoth : 17 Jehoshaphat
 the son of Paruah, in Issachar : 18 Shimei the
 son of Ela, in Benjamin : 19 Geber the son of
 Uri, in the country of Gilead, the country of
 Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of
 Bashan ; and he was the only officer which was
 in the land. 20 Judah and Israel were many,
 as the sand which is by the sea in multitude,
 eating and drinking, and making merry.
 21 And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms
 from the river unto the land of the Philistines,
 and unto the border of Egypt : they brought
 presents, and served Solomon all the days of his
 life. 22 And Solomon's provision for one day
 was thirty ³measures of fine flour, and threescore
 measures of meal, 23 ten fat oxen, and twenty
 oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep,
 beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and
 fatted fowl. 24 For he had dominion over all
the region on this side the river, from Tiphseh
 even to Gaza, over all the kings on this side the
 river : and he had peace ⁴on all sides round
 about him. 25 And Judah and Israel dwelt
 safely, every man under his vine and under his
 fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the
 days of Solomon. 26 And Solomon had ⁵forty
 thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and
 twelve thousand horsemen. 27 And those offi-
 cers provided victual for king Solomon, and for

¹ Or, *Haroth*
Jair.

² Or, *in Aloth.*

³ Heb. *cors.*

⁴ Another
 reading is *with*
all his ser-
vants.

⁵ In 2 Chr. ix.
 25, *four thou-*
sand.

all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they let nothing be lacking.

28 Barley also and straw for the horses and swift steeds brought they unto the place ¹where it should be, every man according to his charge.

¹ Or, *where he*
(i.e. the king) *was.*

29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

31 For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all the nations round about.

32 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar ~~tree~~ that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

34 And there came of all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, ~~which~~ had heard of his wisdom.

V. 1 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he ~~had~~ heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, 3 Thou knowest ~~how~~ that David my father could not build

^b ~~an~~ house for the name of the LORD his God for

²the ³Wars wherewith they compassed him about, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

² Or, *the enemies which*
compassed him
about.

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

³ Heb. *war.*

5 And, behold, I purpose to build an house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set

upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build the house for my name. 6 Now therefore command that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants; and I will give thee hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt say: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians. 7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people. 8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have hearkened to *the message* which thou hast sent unto me: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of ¹fir. 9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will make them into rafts to go by sea unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be broken up there, and thou shalt ²receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. 10 So Hiram gave Solomon timber of cedar and timber of fir according to all his desire. 11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand ³measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of ⁴pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year. 12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

13 And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. 14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy. 15 And Solo-

¹ Or, cypress.

² Or, carry them away.

³ Heb. cors.

⁴ Or, beaten.

mon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers *of stone* in the mountains; 16 besides Solomon's chief officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work. 17 And the king commanded, and they hewed out great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house of *wrought* stone. 18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the Giblites did fashion them, and prepared the timber and the stones to build the house.

VI. 1 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, that he ¹began to build the house of the LORD.

¹ Heb. *built*.

2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits. 3 And the porch before ²the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; *and* ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house. 4 And for the house he made ³windows of fixed lattice-work. 5 And against the wall of the house he built stories round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of ⁴the oracle: and he made side-chambers round about: 6 the nethermost story was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for *without* he made rebatements *in the wall* of the house round about, that *the beams* should not have hold in the walls of the house. 7 And the house, when it was in building, was

² That is, the holy place.

³ Or, *windows broad within, and narrow without.*

⁴ That is, the most holy place.

¹ Or, *made ready at the quarry.*

² The LXX and Targum have *lowest.*

³ Heb. *shoulder.*

Heb. *notes.*

built of stone ¹perfect from the quarry: and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building. 8 The door for the ²middle side-chambers was in the right ³side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chambers, and out of the middle into the third. 9 So he built the house, and finished it; and he covered the house with beams and ⁴planks of cedar. 10 And he built the stories against all the house, each five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11 And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying, 12 Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I establish my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father. 13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it. 15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar; from the floor of the house unto the ⁵walls of the cieling, he covered them on the inside with wood: and he covered the floor of the house with boards of ⁶fir. 16 And he built twenty cubits on the hinder part of the house with boards of cedar from the floor unto the ⁷walls: he even built *them* ⁸for it ⁹within, for an oracle, even for the most holy place. 17 And the house, that is, the temple before *the oracle*, was forty cubits *long*. 18 And there was cedar on the house within, carved with ¹⁰knops and ¹¹open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen. 19 And he prepared an oracle in the midst of the house within, to set there the ark of the

⁵ The LXX have *beams.*

⁶ Or, *cypress.*

⁷ The LXX have *beams.*

⁸ Or, *for him.*

⁹ Or, *on the inside of the oracle for the &c. or, on the inside of the oracle, even of the &c.*

¹⁰ Or, *gourds.*

¹¹ Heb. *openings of flowers.*

covenant of the LORD. 20 And before the oracle was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof; and he overlaid it with pure gold: and he covered the altar ¹with cedar. 21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: ¹ Or, which was of cedar.
and he drew chains of gold across before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold. 22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until all the house was finished: also the whole altar that belonged to the oracle he overlaid with gold. 23 And in the oracle he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high. 24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. 25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubim were of one measure and one form. 26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub. 27 And he set the cherubim within the inner house: and the wings of the cherubim were stretched forth, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. 28 And he overlaid the cherubim with gold. 29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm trees and ²open flowers, within and without. ² Heb. openings of flowers.
30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without. 31 And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive wood: the ³lintel and door posts were a ³ Or, posts.
fifth part of the wall. 32 And the two doors ⁴So he
were of olive wood; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubim and palm trees and ⁴open ⁴ Heb. openings of flowers.

flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold upon the cherubim, and upon the palm trees. 33 So also made he for the entering of the temple door posts of olive wood, out of a fourth part of the wall; 34 and two doors of fir wood: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. 35 And he carved thereon cherubim and palm trees and open flowers: and he overlaid them with gold fitted upon the graven work. 36 And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams. 37 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Ziv. 38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

¹ Or, with all the appurtenances thereof, and with all the ordinances thereof.

VII.

1 But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. 2 And he built the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. 3 And it was covered with cedar above over the forty and five ²side-chambers, that lay on the pillars; fifteen in a row. 4 And there were ³beams in three rows, ⁴and light was over against light in three ranks. 5 And all the doors and posts ⁵were made square, with beams: and light was over against light in three ranks. 6 And he made the porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits; and a porch before them; and pillars and ⁶thick beams before them. 7 And he made the porch of

² Or, joists.
Heb. ribs.

³ Or, prospects.

⁴ Or, with view against view.

⁵ Or, were square in prospect.

⁶ Or, a threshold.

the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from floor to floor. 8 And his house where he might dwell was in the other court within the porch; it was of the like work. He made also ~~an~~ house for Pharaoh's daughter, (whom Solomon had taken to wife,) like unto this porch. 9 All these were of costly stones, even of hewn stone, ¹according to measure, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside unto the great court. 10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. 11 And above were costly stones, even hewn stone, according to measure, and cedar. 12 And the great court round about had three rows of hewn stone, and a row of cedar beams; like as the inner court of the house of the LORD, and the porch of the house.

13 And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. 14 He was the son of a widow woman of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass; and he was filled with wisdom and understanding and knowledge to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work. 15 For he fashioned the two pillars of brass, ²of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits compassed ³either of them about. 16 And he made two chapiters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits. 17 There were nets of checker-work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the

¹ Or, after
divers mea-
sures.

² Heb. eighteen
cubits was the
height of one
pillar.

³ Heb. the
other pillar.

other chapter. 18 So he made the pillars; and there were two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapters that were upon ¹the top of the pillars, ²with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter. 19 And the chapters that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily work in the porch, four cubits. 20 And there were chapters above also upon the two pillars, close by the belly which was beside the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred, in rows round about upon the other chapter. 21 And he set up the pillars at the porch of the temple: and he set up the right hand pillar, and called the name thereof ³Jachin: and he set up the left hand pillar, and called the name thereof ⁴Boaz. 22 And upon the top of the pillars was lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished. 23 And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and its height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits compassed it round about. 24 And under the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ⁵ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: there were two rows of knops, cast when it was cast. 25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set upon them above, and all their hinder parts were inward. 26 And the thickness of it was an hand breadth, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths. 27 And he made the ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the

¹ Heb. *the top of the pomegranates.*

² Some MSS. read, *of the pillars.*

³ That is, *He shall establish.*

⁴ That is, *In it is strength.*

⁵ Or, *ten cubits.*

height of it. 28 And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had ¹borders and ~~there were borders~~ between the ledges: 29 and on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and upon the ledges ²it was in like manner above: and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work. 30 And every base had four brassen wheels, and axles of brass: and the four feet thereof had ³undersetters: beneath the laver were the undersetters molten, at the side of each were wreaths. 31 And the mouth of it within the chapter and above was a cubit: and the mouth thereof was round after the work of a pedestal, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings, and their ⁴borders were foursquare, not round. 32 And the four wheels were underneath the borders; and the axletrees of the wheels were in the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. 33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their felloes, and their spokes, and their naves, were all molten. 34 And there were four undersetters at the four corners of each base: the undersetters thereof were of the base itself. 35 And in the top of the base was there a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ⁵stays thereof and the ⁶borders thereof were of the same. 36 And on the plates of the stays thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the space of each, with wreaths round about. 37 After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one form. 38 Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty

¹ Or, *panels*.² Or, *there was a pedestal*.³ Heb *shoulders*.⁴ Or, *panels*.⁵ Heb. *hands*.
⁶ Or, *panels*.

baths : and every laver was four cubits : and upon every one of the ten bases one laver. 39 And he set the bases, five on the right ¹side of the house, and five on the left side of the house : and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south. 40 And Hirom made the ²lavens, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he wrought for king Solomon in the house of the LORD : 41 the two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapiters that were on the top of the pillars ; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars ; 42 and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that were ³upon the pillars ; 43 and the ten bases, and the ten lavers on the bases ; 44 and one sea, and the twelve oxen under the sea ; 45 and the pots, and the shovels, and the basons : even all ⁴these vessels, which Hiram made for king Solomon, in the house of the LORD, were of burnished brass. 46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, ⁵in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan. 47 And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed*, because they were exceeding many : the weight of the brass was not searched out. 48 And Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of the LORD : the altar of gold, and the table whereupon the shewbread was, of gold ; 49 and the candlesticks, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, of pure gold ; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold ; 50 and the cups, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the firepans ;

¹ Heb. *shoulder*.

² Many ancient authorities read *pots*.

³ Heb. *upon the face of the pillars*.

⁴ Another reading is *the vessels of the tent*.

⁵ Heb. *in the thickness of the ground*.

of pure gold; and the hinges, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, *to wit*, of the temple, of gold. 51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon wrought in the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the holy things of David his father; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

VIII. 1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' *houses* of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. 2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. 3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. 4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; even the priests and the Levites did bring them up. 5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude. 6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim. 7 For the cherubim spread forth their *two* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above. 8 And ¹the staves were long, so that the ends of the staves were seen from the holy place before the oracle, but they were not seen without: and there they are unto this

¹ Or, *they* ^d
draw out the
staves. " "

day. 9 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. 10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. 12 Then spake Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 13 I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, an habitation for thee to abide in for ever. 14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the assembly of Israel: and all the assembly of Israel stood. 15 And he said, Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying, 16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel. 17 And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. 18 But the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart. 19 Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. 20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake; and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the

LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt. 22 And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 and he said, O LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: 24 who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: yea, thou spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day. 25 And now, O LORD, the

God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying,

¹There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me as thou hast walked before me. 26 And

now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father. 27 But will God in very deed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? 28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee this day: 29 that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that

¹ Heb. *There shall not be cut off unto thee a man from my sight.*

thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall pray toward this place. 30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall pray toward this place: yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive. 31 ¹If any man sin against his neighbour, and ²an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, ³and ⁴he that sweareth come before thine altar in this house: 32 then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. 33 When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; if they turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house; 34 then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers. 35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, ⁵because thou ⁶afflictest them: 36 then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, ⁶because thou teachest them the good way wherein they should walk; and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance. 37 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, mildew, locust, or caterpillar; if their enemy ⁷besiege them in the land of their ⁸cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be; 38 what prayer and supplication soever be

¹ Heb. *Where-soever a man shall sin.*

² Or, *he lay an oath upon him.*

³ Or, *and he come and swear.*

⁴ Heb. *the oath.*

⁵ Or, *when.*

⁶ Or, *answerest.*

⁷ Or, *distress.*

⁸ Heb. *gates.*

made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: 39 then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;) 40 that they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. 41 Moreover concerning the stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, when he shall come out of a far country for thy name's sake; 42 (for they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house; 43 hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as doth thy people Israel; and that they may know that ¹this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name. 44 If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and they pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built for thy name: 45 then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their ²cause. 46 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive unto the land of the enemy, far or near; 47 yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication unto thee

¹ Or, thy name is called upon this house.

² Or, right.

in the land of them that carried them captive, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; 48 and they return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: 49 then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their ¹cause, 50 and forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them ²compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them: 51 for they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron: 52 that thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them whensoever they cry unto thee. 53 For thou didst separate them from among all the peoples of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD. 54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread forth toward heaven. 55 And he stood, and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not ³failed one word of all his good

¹ Or, right.

² Heb. to be for compassion.

³ Heb. fallen.

promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. 57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us: 58 that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers. 59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as every day shall require: 60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God, *and that there is none else.* 61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day. 62 And the king, and all Israel with him, ¹offered sacrifice before the LORD. 63 And Solomon ¹offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he ¹offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. 64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings. 65 So Solomon held the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from the entering in of Hamath unto the brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days. 66 On the eighth day

¹ Heb. *sacri-
ficial.*

he sent the people away, and they blessed the king; and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done unto David his servant, and to Israel his people.

IX.

1 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's ¹desire which he was pleased to do, 2 that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. 3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there ²perpetually. 4 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: 5 then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom over Israel for ever; as I ³promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel. 6 But if ye shall turn away from following me, ye and your children, and not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them: 7 then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all peoples: 8 ⁴and as for this house, though it be high, yet shall every one that passeth by it be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house? 9 And they shall

¹ Or, *delight*.

² Heb. *all the days*.

³ Or, *spake concerning*.

⁴ Or, *and this house shall be high; every one &c.*

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answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold upon other gods, and worshipped them, and served them : therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

11 (now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar-trees and fir-trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. 12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him;

and they pleased him not. 13 And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me,

my brother ? And ¹he called them the land of Cabul unto this day. 14 ²And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

¹ Or, *they were called.*

² Or, *Now Hiram had sent.*

³ Or, *account.*

15 And this is the ³reason of the levy which king Solomon raised ; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazer, and Megiddo, and Gezer. 16 Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire,

and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a portion unto his daughter, Solomon's wife. 17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether, 18 and Baalath, and ⁴Tamar in the wilderness, in the land,

⁴ Another reading is *Tadmor.*

19 and all the store cities that Solomon had, and the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and ⁵that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. 20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were

⁵ Heb. *the delight of Solomon which he delighted.*

not of the children of Israel, 21 their children

that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel were not able utterly to destroy, of them did Solomon raise a levy of bondservants unto this day. 22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondservants: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and of his horsemen. 23 These were the chief officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work. 24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which *Solomon* had built for her: then did he build Millo. 25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, burning incense ¹therewith, *upon the altar* that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom. 27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. 28 And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

X. 1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. 2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. 3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not. 4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen

¹ *Ox, with him*
that was &c.

all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, 5 and the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the ¹attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and ²his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. 6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of ~~thy~~ ³acts and of thy wisdom. 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: ⁴thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. 8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. 9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice. 10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. 11 And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of ⁵almug trees, and precious stones. 12 And the king made of the almug trees ⁶pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for the singers: there came no such almug trees, neither were seen unto this day. 13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that ⁷which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solo-

¹ Heb. *standing*.

² Or, *his burnt offering which he offered in* &c.

³ Or, *sayings*.

⁴ Heb. *thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the* fame.

⁵ *Algum trees*, in 2 Chron.

ii. 8. Perhaps *sandal wood*.

⁶ Or, *a railing*.
Heb. *a prop.*

⁷ Heb. *which he gave her according to the hand of king Solomon*.

mon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold, ¹⁵ beside *that which he had* of the traders, and of the traffick of the merchants, and of all the kings of the mixed tribes, and of the governors of the country. ¹⁶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of gold ¹went to one target. ¹⁷ And *he made* three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. ¹⁸ Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest gold. ¹⁹ The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were ²stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays. ²⁰ And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom. ²¹ And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. ²² For the king had at sea a navy of Tarshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. ²³ So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. ²⁴ And all the earth ³sought unto Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. ²⁵ And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. ²⁶ And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horse-

¹ Or, *put he upon.*

² Or, *arms.*
Heb. *hands.*

³ Heb. *sought the face of.*

men, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem. 27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 28 And the traffic in horses which Solomon had was from Egypt; and the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price. 29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out ¹by their means.

XI. 1 Now king Solomon loved many strange women, ²together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; 2 of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in unto them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. 4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6 And Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father. 7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. 8 And

¹ Heb. *in their hand.*

² Or, *besides.*

so did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because he had turned away his heart from the LORD, the God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, 10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. 11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this

¹ Heb. *is with thee.*

is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. 12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. 13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but I will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

14 And the LORD raised up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom. 15 For it came to pass, when David ²was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host went up to bury the slain, and smote every male in Edom; 16 (for Joab remained there six months with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom;) 17 that Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child. 18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land. 19 And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the

² The LXX and Syr. versions read *destroyed Edom.*

sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. 20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house among the sons of Pharaoh. 21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. 22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what lackest thou with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me depart in any wise.

23 And God raised him up *another* adversary, Rezon the son of Eliada, which had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah: 24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a troop, when David slew them *of Zobah*: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus. 25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad *did*: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

26 And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, a servant of Solomon, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, he also lifted up his hand against the king. 27 And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and ¹repaired the breach of the city of David his father. 28 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon saw the young man that he was industrious, and he gave him charge over all the ²labour of the house of Joseph. 29 And it came to pass at that time, when Jeroboam

¹ Heb. *closed up*.

² Heb. *burden*.

went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and *Ahijah* had wrapped himself in a new garment; and they two were alone in the field. 30 And Ahijah laid hold of the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces. 31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: 32 but he shall have one tribe, for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel: 33 because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ash-toreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh, the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon; and they have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and *to keep* my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father. 34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose,

Or, *who kept*. ¹because he kept my commandments and my statutes: 35 but I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes. 36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a lamp alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there. 37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel. 38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did:

that I will be with thee, and will build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee. 39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever. 40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam : but Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 And the rest of the ¹acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

¹ Or, *words*,
or, *matters*.

42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father : and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

XII. 1 And ²Rehoboam went to Shechem : for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. ² 2 Chron. x. 1, &c.

2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he was yet in Egypt, whither he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt, 3 and they sent and called him;) that Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, 4 Thy father made our yoke grievous : now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. 5 And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed. 6 And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise, that I may answer this people? 7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them,

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then they will be thy servants for ever. 8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, which stood before him. 9 And he said unto them, What do ye advise, that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father ~~did~~ put upon us lighter? 10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. 11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day. 13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; 14 and spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 15 So the king hearkened not unto the people; for the ¹cause was from the LORD, that he might establish his word, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

¹ Or, *turn of events.*

16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now

see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents. 17 But as for the children of Israel ~~which~~ dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the levy; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam ¹made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day. 20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was returned, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

*1 Heb.
strengthened
himself.*

21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, and the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, ~~which~~ were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom ~~again~~ to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. 22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the ²rest of the people, saying, 24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned and went their way, according to the word of the LORD.

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that
be*

25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and he went out from thence, and built Penuel. 26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: 27 if this people go up to offer sacrifices in the

² See ver. 17.

house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah; and they shall kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of Judah. 28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold; and he said unto them, Ye have gone up long enough unto Jerusalem; behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan. 30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went *to worship* before the one, even unto Dan. 31 And he made ¹an house of high places, and made priests from among all the people, ~~which~~ were not of the sons of Levi. 32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he ²went up unto the altar; so did he in Beth-el, ³sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places which he had made. 33 And he ⁴went up unto the altar which he had made in Beth-el on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart: and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and ⁴went up unto the altar, to burn incense.

XIII. 1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense. 2 And he cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he sacrifice the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall they burn upon thee.

¹ Or, houses.

² Or, offered upon.

³ Or, to sacrifice.

⁴ Or, offered upon.

3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. 4 And it came to pass, when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Beth-el, that Jeroboam put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back again to him. 5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. 6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the favour of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God intreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before. 7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. 8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half ~~thine~~ house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: 9 for so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, neither return by the way that thou camest. 10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and ¹one of his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them also they told unto their father. 12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? ²Now his sons had seen

¹Heb. *his son*.

²According to some ancient versions *And his sons sheltered him.*

what way the man of God went, which came from Judah. 13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon. 14 And he went after the man of God, and found him sitting under the ¹oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am. 15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread. 16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place: 17 for it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest. 18 And he said unto him, I also am a prophet as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied unto him. 19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water. 20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back: 21 and he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast ²disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee, 22 but camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of ~~the~~ which he said to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers. 23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back. 24 And when he was

¹ Or, *terebinth*.

² Or, *rebelled against the Lord*.

gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it; the lion also stood by the carcase. 25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt. 26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was ¹disobedient unto the mouth of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him. 27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled it. 28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass. 29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and he came to the city of the old prophet, to mourn, and to bury him. 30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother! 31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. 32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again from among all the people priests of the high places: ²whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he

¹ Or, *rebelled against the word.*

prophesied

² Or, *whomsoever he would.*

* Or, *by this thing he became.*

became one of the priests of the high places. 34 And ¹this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

XIV. 1 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. 2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam : and get thee to Shiloh ; behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which spake concerning me that I should be king over this people. 3 And take in thine hand ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him : he shall tell thee what shall become of the child. 4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah could not see ; for his eyes were set by reason of his age. 5 And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to inquire of thee concerning her son ; for he is sick : thus and thus shalt thou say unto her : for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman. 6 And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam ; why feignest thou thyself to be another ? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings. 7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel, 8 and rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee : and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes ; 9 but hast done evil above all that were before thee, and hast gone and made thee other gods, and

molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back: 10 therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Israel, and will utterly sweep away the house of Jeroboam, as a man sweepeth away dung, till it be all gone. 11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken it. 12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to ~~thine~~ house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die. 13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave: because in him there is found some good thing toward the LORD, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam. 14 Moreover the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: ¹but what? even now. 15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger. 16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, ²which he hath sinned, and wherewith he hath made Israel to sin. 17 And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and as she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. 18 And all Israel buried him, and mourned for him; according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet. 19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they

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¹ Or, and what ever now?

² Or, who did sin, and who made, &c.

are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years : and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there : and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. 22 And Judah did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD ; and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built them high places, and pillars, and Asherim, on every high hill, and under every green tree ; 24 and there were also ¹sodomites in the land : they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD drave out before the children of Israel. 25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem : 26 and he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house ; he even took away all : and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the captains of the ²guard, which kept the door of the king's house. 28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber. 29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah ?

¹ See Deut. xxiii. 17.

² Heb. *runners*.

30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. 31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And ¹Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

¹ In 2 Chron. xii. 16, *Abijah*.

XV. 1 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat began Abijam to reign over Judah. 2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was ²Maacah, the daughter of ³Abishalom. 3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father. 4 Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem: 5 because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. 6 Now there was war between ⁴Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life. 7 And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. 8 And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

² In 2 Chron. xiii. 2, *Micaiah the daughter of Uriel*.

³ Or, *Absalom*, as in 2 Chron. xi. 21.

⁴ According to some authorities, *Abijam*.

9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Asa to reign over Judah. 10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah, the daughter of Abishalom. 11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father. 12 And he put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the

¹ Or, *an idol*
for Asherah.

idols that his fathers had made. 13 And also Maacah his mother, he removed her from being queen, because she had made ¹an-abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and burnt it by the brook Kidron. 14 But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days. 15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels. 16 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 17 And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, 19 There is a league between me and thee, between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. 20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel, and smote Ifon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. 21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah. 22 Then king Asa made a proclamation unto all Judah; none was exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had

builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah. 23 Now the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. 24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years. 26 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. 27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon. 28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. 29 And it came to pass that, as soon as he was king, he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him; according unto the saying of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite: 30 because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and wherewith he made Israel to sin, for his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger. 31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah

began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years. 34 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

XVI. 1 And the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, 2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; 3 behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha, and his house; and I will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 4 Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the field shall the fowls of the air eat. 5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his stead. 7 Even by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, both for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam: and because he smote him.

8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years. 9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him: now he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, which was over the household in Tirzah: 10 and Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of

Judah, and reigned in his stead. 11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. 12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, 13 for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned, and wherewith they made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities. 14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. Now the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. 16 And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp. 17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah. 18 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the ¹castle of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died, 19 for his sins which he sinned in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin. 20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

21 Then were the people of Israel divided

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¹ Or, palace.

into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri. 22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned. 23 In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah. 24 And he bought the hill ¹Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill, ¹Samaria. 25 But Omri did that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD, and dealt wickedly above all that were before him. 26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities. 27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. 30 And Ahab the son of Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. 31 And it came to pass, ²as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife ³Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

¹ Heb. *Shomer-ron*.

Shomer

² Heb. *was it a light thing, &c.?*

³ Heb. *Izebel*.

32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab made the Asherah; and Ahab did yet more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him. 34 In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof with the loss of Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof with the loss of his youngest son Segub; according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

XVII. 1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was ¹of the sojourners of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD, the God of Israel, liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. 2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, 3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. 5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. 7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

¹ According to the LXX. of Tishbite of Gilead.

8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, 9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow woman was there

gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. 12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an' handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. 13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after[^] make for thee and for thy son. 14 For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days. 16 The barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah. 17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? 19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the chamber, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. 20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? 21 And he

stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. 22 And the LORD hearkened unto the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. 24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

XVIII.

1 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth. 2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And the famine was sore in Samaria. 3 And Ahab called Obadiah, ~~which~~ ^{who} was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly: 4 for it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) 5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go through the land, unto all the fountains of water, and unto all the brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we ¹lose not any of the beasts. 6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself. 7 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, ²Is it thou, my lord Elijah? 8 And he answered him, ³It is I: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here. 9 And he said, Wherein have I

¹ Or, *destroy*.² Or, *Art thou here, &c.*³ Or, *I am.*

sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me? 10 As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not here, he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not. 11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here. 12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth. 13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here: and he shall slay me. 15 And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day. 16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah. 17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, ¹Is it thou, thou troubler of Israel? 18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed the Baalim. 19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of Asherah four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. 20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. 21 And Elijah came near unto all

¹ Or, *Art thou here, &c.*

the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. 22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. 23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under. 24 And call ye on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. 25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under. 26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, ¹hear ^{Or, answer.} us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they ²leaped about the altar ^{Or, limped.} which was made. 27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is musing, or he is ~~gone aside~~, or he is in a journey, or per-^{adventure} he sleepeth, and must be awaked. 28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with ³knives and lances, till the blood gushed out upon them. ^{Or, swords.} 29 And it was so, when midday was past, that they prophesied until the time of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice; but there was neither voice, nor any to ~~answer~~, nor any ⁴that re- ^{Heb. attention.}

garded. 30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me; and all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down. 31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name. 32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench about the altar, as great as ¹would contain ¹two measures of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid it on the wood. And he said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. 34 And he said, Do it the second time; and they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time; and they did it the third time. 35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. 36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, O LORD, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou, LORD, art God, and that thou hast turned their heart ²back again. 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God. 40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of

¹ Or, *might*
be sown with.

² Or, *back-*
ward.

them escape. And they took them : and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there. 41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink ; for there is the sound of ¹abundance of rain. 42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel ; and he bowed himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees. 43 And he said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. 44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, ²Prepare *thy* chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. 45 And it came to pass ³in the mean while, that the heaven grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. 46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah ; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

¹ Or, noise.² Or, yoke.³ Or, on this side and on that side.

XIX.

1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. 3 ⁴And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah ; and he left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a ⁵juniper tree : and he requested for himself that he might die ; and said, It is enough ; now, O LORD, take away

⁴ According to some ancient authorities, And he was afraid and arose.⁵ Or, broom.

my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

5 And he lay down and slept under a juniper tree, and behold, an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. 6 And he looked, and, behold, there was at his head a cake baked on ¹the coals, and a cruse of water.

¹ Or, *hot stones*.

And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. 7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. 8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. 9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? 10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword: and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: 12 and after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire ²a still small voice. 13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? 14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God

² Heb. *a sound of gentle stillness*.

of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way by the wilderness to Damascus: and when thou comest, thou shalt anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: 16 and Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. 18 Yet will I leave me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. 19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing; there were twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he was with the twelfth: and Elijah passed on toward him, and cast his mantle upon him. 20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go, return; for what have I done to thee? 21 And he returned from following after him, and took the yoke of oxen, and ¹slew them, and roasted ¹ *Or, sacrificed.* their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

XX. 1 And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and

fought against it. 2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel, into the city; and he said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad, 3 Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine. 4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have. 5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, I sent indeed unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; 6 but I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that ¹whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away. 7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not. 8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken thou not, neither consent. 9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again. 10 And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that ²follow me. 11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on *his harness* boast himself as he that putteth it off. 12 And it came to pass, when *Ben-hadad* heard this message, as he was

¹ Heb. *all the desire of* &c.

² Heb. *are at my feet*.

drinking, he and the kings, in the ¹pavilions, that he said unto his servants, ²Set *the battle in array*. And they set *the battle in array* against the city. 13 And, behold, a prophet came near unto Ahab king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD. 14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, By the ³young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall ⁴begin the battle? And he answered, Thou. 15 Then he mustered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he mustered all the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven thousand. 16 And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him. 17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out from Samaria. 18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive. 19 So these went out of the city, the young men of the princes of the provinces, and the army which followed them. 20 And they ~~slew~~ every one his man; and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped ⁵on a horse with horsemen. 21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and ~~slew~~ the Syrians with a great slaughter. 22 And the prophet came near to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and ~~mark~~, and see what

¹ Or, *huts*.² Or, *Place the engines: And they placed the engines.*³ Or, *servants*.⁴ Heb. *bind*.⁵ Or, *with horse and horsemen.*

thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their god is a god of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we: but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. 24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put ¹captains in their rooms: 25 and number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so. 26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad mustered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. 27 And the children of Israel were mustered, and were victualled, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country. 28 And the man of God came near and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is a god of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys; therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD. 29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined; and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day. 30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and the wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand men that were left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, ²into an inner chamber. 31 And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we

¹ Or, *governors*.
See ch. x. 15.

² Or, *from chamber to chamber*.

have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life. 32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother. 33 Now the men took the omen, and they hastened to make sure whether it were from him; and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad! Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot. 34 And he said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. And I, *said Ahab*, will let thee go with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and let him go.

35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour by the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him. 36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him. 37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, he smote him and wounded him. 38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with his headband over his eyes. 39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man

turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. 40 And as thy servant ¹was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it. 41 And he hasted, and took the headband away from his eyes; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets. 42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people. 43 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

XXI. 1 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house; and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it: or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money. 3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee. 4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and did eat no bread. 5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so heavy, that thou eatest no bread? 6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the

¹ According to some ancient versions, *was looking*.

Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard. 7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. 8 So she wrote ¹a letter in Ahab's name, and sealed it with his seal, and sent the letter unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth. 9 And she wrote in the letter, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people: 10 and set two men, sons of ²Belial, before him, and let them bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst curse God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die. 11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, according as it was written in the letter which she had sent unto them. 12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people. 13 And the two men, sons of Belial, came in and sat before him: and the men of Belial bare witness against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did curse God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died. 14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead. 15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead. 16 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that

¹ Or, *letters*.

² That is, *worthlessness*.

Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to take possession of it. 19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? and thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. 20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? and he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD. 21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will utterly sweep thee away, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Israel: 22 and I will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and hast made Israel to sin. 23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the ¹rampart of Jezreel. 24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat. 25 (But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. 26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.) 27 And

¹ According to some ancient authorities, *portion*, as in 2 Kings ix. 36.

it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. 28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

XXII.

1 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel. 2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. 3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours and we be ¹still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria? 4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses. 5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day. 6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king. 7 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here besides a prophet of the LORD that we might inquire of him? 8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. 9 Then the king of Israel called an ²officer, and said, Fetch quickly

¹ Heb. *silent from taking it.*

² Heb. *cunuch.*

¹ Heb. *a thresh-
ing floor*.

Micaiah the son of Imlah. 10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, in ¹an open place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them. 12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hand. 13 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good. 14 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak. 15 So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go up, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king. 16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the LORD? 17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace. 18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? 19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven were standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

20 And the LORD said, Who shall ¹entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner; and another said on that manner. 21 And there came forth ^{2a}a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. 22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt entice him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. 23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets; and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee. 24 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee? 25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go ³into an inner chamber to hide thyself. 26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; 27 and say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace. 28 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, ⁴Hearken, all ye peoples.

¹ Or, *deceive*.

² Heb. *the spirit*.

³ Or, *from chamber to chamber*.

⁴ See Micah i. 2.

29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. 30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle. 31 Now the king of Syria had commanded the thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with

small nor great, save only with the king of Israel. 32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside against him to fight: and Jehoshaphat cried out. 33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. 34 And a certain man drew a bow ¹at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between ²the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded. 35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the hollow of the chariot. 36 And there went a cry throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country. 37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria. 38 And they washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; ³now the harlots washed themselves *there*; according unto the word of the LORD which he spake. 39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. 42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he

¹ Heb. *in his simplicity.*

² Or, *the lower armour and the breastplate.*

³ Or, *and the harlots washed therein.*

reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 43 And he walked in all the way of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD: only the high places were not taken away; the people sacrificed and burnt incense yet in the high places. 44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel. 45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 46 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he put away out of the land. 47 And there was no king in Edom: a deputy was king. 48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber. 49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not. 50 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel. 52 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. 53 And he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD, the God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

THE
SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS.

I. 1 And Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. 2 And Ahaziah fell down through the lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this sickness. 3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? 4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed. 5 And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why is it that ye are turned back? 6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Is it because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but

shalt surely die. 7 And he said unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words? 8 And they answered him, He was ¹a hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite. 9 Then *the king* sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of the hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down. 10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. 11 And again he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly. 12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. 13 And again he sent a captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight. 14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two former captains of fifty with their fifties: but now let my life be precious in thy sight. 15 And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king. 16 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as

¹ Or, a man
with a garment
of hair.

thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. 17 So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram began to reign in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son. 18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

- II. 1 And it came to pass, when the LORD took up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Beth-el. And Elisha said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el. 3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho. 5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came near to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy

soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood over against them afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. 8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. 9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let ¹a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, which parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariots of Israel, and the horsemen thereof! And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. 13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan. 14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, ²Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they were divided hither and thither: and Elisha went over. 15 And when the sons of the prophets which were at Jericho over against him saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. 16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy

¹ That is, the portion of the first-born. See Deut. xxi. 17.

² According to some ancient authorities, *Where is now the Lord, the God of Elijah? and he smote the waters, and &c.*

¹ Or, *trusty*.

servants fifty ¹strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send. 17 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not. 18 And they came again to him, while he tarried at Jericho; and he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

² Or, *casteth her fruit*.

19 And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, we pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the land ²miscarrieth. 20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him. 21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast salt therein, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or ³miscarrying. 22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

³ Or, *casting of fruit*.

23 And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. 24 And he looked behind him and saw them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them. 25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

III. 1 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth

year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the pillar of Baal that his father had made. 3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep-master; and he rendered unto the king of Israel a hundred thousand lambs, and ¹ a hundred thousand rams *with* the wool. 5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. 6 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time, and mustered all Israel. 7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses. 8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way of the wilderness of Edom. 9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they made a circuit of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, nor for the beasts that followed them. 10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab. 11 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, which poured water on the hands of Elijah. 12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and

¹ Or, *the wool of a hundred thousand rams.*

the king of Edom went down to him. 13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hands of Moab. 14 And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. 15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him. 16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of trenches. 17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain, yet that valley shall be filled with water: and ye shall drink, both ye and your cattle, and your beasts. 18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will also deliver the Moabites into your hand. 19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all fountains of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones. 20 And it came to pass in the morning, about the time of offering the oblation, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water. 21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they ¹gathered themselves together, all that were able to ²put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border. 22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood: 23 and they said, This is blood: the kings have surely destroyed one another: and

¹ Or, *were called together.*

² Heb. *gird themselves with a girdle.*

each man hath slain his fellow: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil. 24 And they came to the camp of Israel, and the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: and they went forward ¹into the land smiting the Moabites. 25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land they cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the fountains of water, and felled all the good trees: until in Kir-hareseth only they left the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about it, and smote it. 26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew sword, to break through unto the king of Edom: but they could not. 27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And ²there came wrath upon Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

¹ Heb. *into it.*
(2 K. vii. 13.)

² Or, *there was great wrath against Israel.*

- IV. 1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead: and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two children to be bondmen. 2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me; what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a little pot of oil. 3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. 4 And thou shalt go in, and shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and pour out into all those vessels; and thou shalt set aside that which is full. 5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons; they

brought *the vessels* to her, and she poured out. 6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy sons of the rest.

8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. 9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

¹ Or, *make a little chamber with walls, or on the wall.*

10 Let us ¹build, I pray thee, a little chamber; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber and lay there. 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast ²been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. 14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old. 15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. 16 And he said, At this season, ³according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid. 17 And the woman conceived, and

² Heb. *trembled for us with all this trembling.*

³ See Gen. xviii. 10.

bare a son at that season, according to the time of life, as Elisha had said unto her. 18 And the child grew; and it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. 19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to his servant, Carry him to his mother. 20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. 21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out. 22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the servants, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. 23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, ¹It shall be well. ² Heb. *Peace*. 24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not my riding, except I bid thee. 25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is the Shunammite: 26 run, I pray thee, now to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well. 27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to thrust her away; but the man of God said, Let her alone: for her soul is ²vexed within her; and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me. ² Heb. *bitter*. 28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me? 29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee,

¹ Heb. *attention*.

answer him not: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. 30 And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her. 31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor ¹hearing. Wherefore he turned again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked. 32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. 33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. 34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon him; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. 35 Then he returned, and walked in the house once to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. 37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground; and she took up her son, and went out.

38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets. 39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not. 40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were

eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof. 41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no ¹harm in the pot.

¹ Heb. *evil thing.*

42 And there came a man from Baal-shalishah, and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and fresh ears of corn in ²his scrip. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. 43 And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? But he said, Give the people, that they may eat; for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof. 44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the LORD.

² Or, *the husk thereof.*

V. 1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man ³with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given ⁴victory unto Syria: he was also a mighty man of valour, but he was a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out in companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she ⁵waited on Naaman's wife. 3 And she said unto her mistress, Oh that my lord were ⁶with the prophet that is in Samaria! then would he ⁷recover him of his leprosy. 4 And ⁸one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel. 5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand ⁹pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment. 6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, And now when this letter is come unto thee,

³ Heb. *before.*

⁴ Or, *deliverance.*

⁵ Heb. *was before.*

⁶ Heb. *before.*

⁷ Heb. *gather in.*

⁸ Or, *he.*

⁹ Or, *shekels.*

behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy. 7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? but consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me. 8 And it was so, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. 9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and ¹thou shalt be clean. 11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not ²Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? 14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. 15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and

¹ Heb. *be thou clean.*

² Another reading is, *Amanah.*

stood before him : and he said, Behold now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel : now therefore, I pray thee, take a ¹present of thy servant. 16 But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused. 17 And Naaman said, If not, yet I pray thee, let there be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth; for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD. 18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant; when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing. 19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way. 20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him. 21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw one running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well? 22 And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets; give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of raiment. 23 And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of raiment, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him. 24 And when he came to

¹ Heb. *blessing*.

¹ Or, *fortified hill.*

the ¹hill, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house : and he let the men go, and they departed. 25 But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi ? And he said, Thy servant went no whither. 26 And he said unto him, ²Went not mine heart *with thee*, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee ? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards and vineyards, and sheep and oxen, and menservants and maidservants ? 27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper *as white* as snow.

² Or, *Mine heart went not from me, when &c.*

VI. 1 And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell before thee is too strait for us. 2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. 3 And one said, Vouchsafe, I pray thee, go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. 4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. 5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe-head fell into the water : and he cried, and said, Alas, master ! for it was borrowed. 6 And the man of God said, Where fell it ? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither, and ³made the iron to swim. 7 And he said, Take it up to thee. So he put out his hand, and took it.

³ Or, *the iron did swim.*

8 Now the king of Syria warred against Israel ; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my ⁴camp. 9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not

⁴ Or, *encamping.*

such a place; for thither the Syrians are coming down. 10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and he protected himself there, not once nor twice. 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? 12 And one of his servants said, Nay, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. 13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. 14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. 15 And when the ¹servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host with horses and chariots was round about the city. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. 18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this ²people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. And he led them to Samaria. 20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that

¹ Or, *servitor*.² Heb. *nation*.

Elisha said, LORD open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. 21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them? 22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. 23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

24 And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. 25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for four-score ¹pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five ¹pieces of silver. 26 And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king. 27 And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the threshingfloor, or out of the winepress? 28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow. 29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son. 30 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes, as he passed by upon the wall;

¹ Or, shekels.

and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh. 31 Then he said, God do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day. 32 But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and *the king* sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold fast the door against him: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him? 33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any longer?

VII. 1 And Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD: Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time shall ¹a measure of fine flour be *sold* ² Heb. *seah*, for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. 2 Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof. 3 Now there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? 4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die. 5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of the Syrians,

behold, there was no man there. 6 For the Lord had made the camp of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. 7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. 8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it. 9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, ¹punishment will ²overtake us: now therefore come, let us go and tell the king's household. 10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but the horses tied, and the asses tied, and the tents as they were. 11 And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within. 12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive, and get into the city. 13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left ³in the city,

¹ Or, *guilt*.

² Or, *find us out*.

³ Heb. *in it*.

(behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it : behold, *I say*, they are even as all the multitude of Israel that are consumed :) and let us send and see. 14 They took therefore two chariots with horses ; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see. 15 And they went after them unto Jordan : and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king. 16 And the people went out, and spoiled the camp of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD. 17 And the king appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate : and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him. 18 And it came to pass when the man of God spake to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria : 19 and that captain answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be ? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof : 20 and so it fell out unto him ; for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

VIII. 1 Now Elisha had spoken unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn : for the LORD hath called for a famine ; and it shall also come upon the land seven years. 2 And the woman

arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years. 3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land. 4 Now the king was talking with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done. 5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored to life him that was dead, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life. 6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain ¹officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

¹ Heb. *enough*.

7 And Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither. 8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this sickness? 9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present ²with him, ³even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Benhadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this sickness? 10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, ⁴say, Thou shalt not recover: for the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die. 11 And he settled his

² Heb. *in his hand*.

³ Or, *and*.

⁴ According to another reading, *say unto him, Thou shalt surely recover; yet the Lord, &c.*

countenance stedfastly, until he was ashamed : and the man of God wept. 12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord ? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel : their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash in pieces their little ones, and rip up their women with child. 13 And Hazael said, But what is thy servant, which is but a dog, that he should do this great thing ? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over Syria. 14 Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master ; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee ? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldest surely recover. 15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took the coverlet, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died : and Hazael reigned in his stead.

16 And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, ¹Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign. 17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign ; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. 18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab : for ²the daughter of Ahab was his wife : and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. 19 Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give unto him a lamp ³for his children alway. 20 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. 21 So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him : and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him

¹ Some ancient authorities omit the words *Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah.*

² ver. 26.

³ Another reading is, *and to his children.*

about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled to their tents. 22 Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time. 23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign. 26 Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the ¹daughter of Omri king of Israel. 27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab: for he was the son in law of the house of Ahab. 28 And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram. 29 And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

¹ Or, *grand-daughter*: See ver. 18.

IX. 1 And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this vial of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead. 2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his

brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber. 3 Then take the vial of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not. 4 So the young man, even ¹the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead. 5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain. 6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel. 7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. 8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Israel. 9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. 10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled. 11 Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them, Ye yourselves know the man, and his talk. 12 And they said, It is false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. 13 Then they hasted, and took every

¹ Or, the servant of the prophet.

¹ Or, *on the bare steps.*

² Heb. *Jehoram*, and in vv. 17, 21, 22, 23.

³ Or, *Is all well?*

man his garment, and put it under him ¹on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king. 14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram kept Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria. 15 But king ²Jehoram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If this be your mind, then let none escape and go forth out of the city, to go to tell it in Jezreel. 16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram. 17 Now the watchman stood on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And ²Jehoram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, ³Is it peace? 18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again. 19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. 20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously. 21 And Jehoram said, Make ready. And they made ready his chariot. And Jehoram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went

out to meet Jehu, and found him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite. 22 And it came to pass, when Jehoram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel continue, and her witchcrafts that are so many? 23 And Jehoram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah. 24 And Jehu ¹drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot. 25 Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid this burden upon him; 26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this ²plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the LORD. 27 But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot: *and they smote him* at the ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there. 28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

29 And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her eyes, and tired her head, and looked out at the window. 31 And as Jehu entered in at the

¹ Heb. filled his hand with the bow.

² Or, portion.

¹ Or, *Is all well?*

gate, she said, ¹Is it peace, O Zimri, that hath slain his master? 32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. 33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot. 34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink; and he said, See now to this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter. 35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. 36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel: 37 and the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

X. 1 Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, even the elders, and unto ²them that brought up Ahab's *children*, saying, 2 And now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour; 3 look ye out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house. 4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, the two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand? 5 And he that was over the household, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and they that brought up *the children*, sent to Jehu,

² Heb. *nursing fathers*.

saying, We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes. 6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up. 7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew them, even seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them unto him to Jezreel. 8 And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning. 9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye be righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these? 10 Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done that which he spake by his servant Elijah. 11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left him none remaining. 12 And he arose and departed, and went to Samaria. And as he was at the ¹shearing house of the shepherds in the way, 13 Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who are ye? And they answered, We are the brethren of Ahaziah: and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the

¹ Or, *Beth-shearim*.

queen. 14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of ¹the shearing house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

¹ Or, *Beth-eked.*

15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Recab ²coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. 16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot. 17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah. 18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much. 19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his ³servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal. 20 And Jehu said, Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it. 21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another. 22 And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments. 23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Recab, into the house of Baal; and

³ Or, *worshippers.*

said he unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only. 24 And they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings; but Jehu appointed him fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I bring into your hands escape, *he that letteth him go*, his life shall be for the life of him. 25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal. 26 And they brought forth the ¹images that were in the house of Baal, and burned them. 27 And they brake down the ²image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day. 28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel. 29 Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and in Dan. 30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast executed well that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel. 31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD, the God of Israel, with all his heart: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, wherewith he made Israel to sin. 32 In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel; 33 from Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and

¹ Heb. *pillars*.² Heb. *pillar*.

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the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. 34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 35 And Jehu slept with his fathers : and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead. 36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

XI. 1 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. 2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons which were slain, even him and his nurse, ¹and put them in the bedchamber; and they hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. 3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

¹ Or, who were.

4 And in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains over hundreds, of the Carites and of the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD; and he made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son. 5 And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you, they that come in on the sabbath, shall be keepers of the watch of the king's house; 6 and a third part shall be at the gate Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard : so shall ye keep the watch of the house, and be a barrier. 7 And two ²parts of you, all that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king. 8 And ye shall

² Or, companies.

compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand : and he that cometh within the ¹ranges shall be put to death : so shall ye be with the king when he goeth out, and when he cometh in. 9 And the captains over hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded : and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. 10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the house of the LORD. 11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right ²corner of the house to the left corner of the house, along by the altar and the house. 12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him ; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king. 13 And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the house of the LORD. 14 And she looked, and behold, the king stood ³by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets : and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason. 15 But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds, that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ⁴ranges ; and him that followeth her slay with the sword : for the priest said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD. 16 And they ⁵made way for her ; and she went by the way of the horses' entry to the king's house : and there was she slain.

¹ Or, *ranks*.

² Or, *side*.
Heb. *shoulder*.

³ Or, *at the pillar* ; or, *on the platform*.

⁴ Or, *ranks*.

⁵ Or, *laid hands on her*.

17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people; between the king also and the people. 18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD. 19 And he took the captains over hundreds, and the Carites, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard, to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. 20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword at the king's house.

21 Seven years old was Jehoash when he began to reign. XII. 1 In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. 2 And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 3 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places. 4 And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the hallowed things that is brought into the house of the LORD, ¹in current money, ²the money of the souls for which each man is rated, and all the money that it cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD, 5 let the priests take it to them, every man from his acquaintance: and they shall repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found. 6 But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year

¹ Or, even *the money of every one that passeth* the numbering. Ex. xxx. 13.
² Heb. *each man the money of the souls of his estimation*, Lev. xxvii. 2.

of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house. 7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and for the priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no more the money from your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house. 8 And the priests consented that they should receive no more the money from the people, neither repair the breaches of the house. 9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the LORD: and the priests that kept the ¹door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD. 10 And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's ²scribe and the high priest came up, and they ³put up in bags and told the money that was found in the house of the LORD. 11 And they gave the money, weighed out, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they ⁴laid it out to the carpenters and the builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD, 12 and to the masons, and the hewers of stone, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that ⁵was laid out for the house to repair it. 13 But there were not made for the house of the LORD cups of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of the LORD: 14 for they gave that to them that did the work, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD. 15 Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to give to them that did the work:

¹ Heb. *threshold*.

² Or, *secretary*.

³ Heb. *bound up and &c.*

⁴ Heb. *brought it forth*.

⁵ Heb. *went forth*.

for they dealt faithfully. 16 The money for the guilt offerings, and the money for the sin offerings, was not brought into the house of the LORD : it was the priests'.

17 Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it : and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. 18 And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and of the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria : and he withdrew from Jerusalem. 19 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah ? 20 And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash at the house of Millo, *on the way* that goeth down to Silla. 21 For Jozacar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died ; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David : and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

XIII. 1 In the three and twentieth year of Joash, the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin ; he departed not therefrom. 3 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, ¹continually. 4 And Jehoahaz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened

¹ Heb. *all the days*.

unto him : for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. 5 (And the LORD gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians : and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime. 6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, wherewith he made Israel to sin, but ¹walked therein: and there remained the Asherah also in Samaria.) 7 For he left not to Jehoahaz of the people save fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust in threshing. 8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria : and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

¹ Heb. *he walked.*

10 In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years. 11 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin: but he walked therein. 12 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 13 And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died : and Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over ²him, and

² Heb. *his face.*

said, My father, my father, the chariots of Israel, and the horsemen thereof! 15 And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows: and he took unto him bow and arrows. 16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow: and he put his hand *upon it*. And Elisha laid his hands upon the king's hands. 17 And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The LORD's arrow of ¹victory, even the arrow of ¹victory over Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them. 18 And he said, Take the arrows: and he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed. 19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

¹ Or, *deliverance*.

20 And Elisha died, and they buried him. Now the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. 21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and ²as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

² Heb. *when the man went and touched*.

22 And Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. 23 But the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence ³as yet. 24 And Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead. 25 And Jehoash the son

³ Heb. *until now*.

of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash smite him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

XIV. 1 In the second year of Joash son of Joahaz king of Israel began Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah to reign. 2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem. 3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all that Joash his father had done. 4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places. 5 And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father. 6 But the children of the murderers he slew not: according to that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin. 7 He slew of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took Sela by war, and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day.

8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. 9 And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The ¹thistle ¹ Or, *bramble*. that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast

that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. 10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up : glory thereof, and tarry at home : for why shouldest thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee ? 11 But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up ; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to Judah. 12 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel ; and they fled every man to their tents. 13 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria. 15 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel ? 16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel ; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

17 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. 18 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah ? 19 And they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem ; and he fled to Lachish : but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. 20 And they brought him

on horses : and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David. 21 And all the people of Judah took ¹Azariah, which was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. 22 He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

¹ In ch. xv. 13.
& 2Chron. xxvi.
1, *Uzziah*.

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, *and reigned* forty and one years. 24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD : he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. 25 He restored the border of Israel from the entering in of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gath-hepher. 26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter : for there was none shut up, nor left at large, neither was there any helper for Israel. 27 And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven : but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash. 28 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which had belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel ? 29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel ; and Zechariah his son reigned in his stead.

XV. 1 In the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign. 2 Sixteen years old

was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. 3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 4 Howbeit the high places were not removed: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places. 5 And the LORD smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a¹ several house. And Jotham the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the land. 6 Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 7 And Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

¹ Or, house of
f' cadom.

8 In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months. 9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. 10 And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. 11 Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 12 This was the word of the LORD which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons of the fourth generation shall sit upon the throne of Israel. And so it came to pass.

13 Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of

Judah ; and he reigned the space of a month in Samaria. 14 And Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. 15 Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 16 Then Menahem smote Tiphseh, and all that were therein, and the borders thereof, from Tirzah : because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it ; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, *and reigned* ten years in Samaria. 18 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD : he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. 19 There came against the land Pul the king of Assyria ; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand. 20 And Menahem exacted the money of Israel, even of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land. 21 Now the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel ? 22 And Menahem slept with his fathers ; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two

years. 24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. 25 But Pekah, the son of Remaliah, his captain, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the ¹castle of the king's house, with Argob and Arieah; and with him were fifty men of the Gileadites: and he slew him, and reigned in his stead. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

¹ Or, palace.

27 In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty years. 28 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. 29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maacah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria. 30 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. 31 Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign. 33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerusha,

the daughter of Zadok. 34 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. 35 Howbeit the high places were not removed: the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. He built the upper gate of the house of the LORD. 36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 37 In those days the LORD began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah. 38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

XVI. 1 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. 2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father. 3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel. 4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. 6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drave the Jews from ¹Elath: and the ²Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day. 7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying,

¹ Heb. *Eloth*.

² According to another reading, *Edomites*.

I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me. 8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria. 9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the *the people of it* captive to Kir; and he slew Rezin. 10 And king Ahaz went to ¹Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof. 11 And Urijah the priest built an altar: according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so Urijah the priest made it against king Ahaz came from Damascus. 12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon. 13 And he burnt his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of ²his peace offerings, upon the altar. 14 And the brasen altar, which was before the LORD, he brought from the forefront of the house, from between his altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of his altar. 15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meal offering, and the king's burnt offering, and his meal offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meal offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all

¹ Heb. *Dum-meseh*.

² Heb. *the peace offerings which were his*.

the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be for me to inquire at. 16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded. 17 And king Ahaz cut off the ¹borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brasen oxen that were under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones. 18 And the ²covered way for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he ³unto the house of the LORD, because of the king of Assyria. 19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

¹ Or, *panels*.

² Or, *covered place*.

³ Or, *round*.

XVII. 1 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel, *and reigned* nine years. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, yet not as the kings of Israel that were before him. 3 Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents. 4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. 5 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. 6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and in

Habor, ¹⁴ on the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. 7 And it was so, because the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, ¹⁵ which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, 8 and walked in the statutes of the nations, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. 9 And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. 10 And they set them up pillars and Asherim upon every high hill, and under every green tree: 11 and there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the nations whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger: 12 and they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. 13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all his prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. 14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their neck, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God. 15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and *went* after the nations that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged

them, that they should not do like them.
16 And they forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made an Asherah, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. 19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they had made. 20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. 21 For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam ¹drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin. 22 And the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; 23 until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

24 And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. 25 And so it was at the beginning of their

¹ According to another reading, *drew Israel away.*

dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which killed some of them. 26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast carried away, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land. 27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land. 28 So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD. 29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. 30 And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, 31 and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in the fire to Adrammelech, and Anammelech, the ¹gods of Sepharvaim. 32 So they feared the LORD, and made unto them from among themselves priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. 33 They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations from whence they had been carried away. 34 Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law or after the commandment which the LORD commanded

¹ Or, *god*.

the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; 35 with whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: 36 but the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and unto him shall ye bow yourselves, and to him shall ye do sacrifice. 37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods. 38 And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods. 39 But the LORD your God shall ye fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. 40 Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner. 41 So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images; their children likewise, and their children's children, as their fathers did, so do they unto this day.

XVIII. 1 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. 2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abi, the daughter of Zechariah. 3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did. 4 He removed the high places, and brake the pillars, and cut down the Asherah: and he brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made; for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it; and ¹he called it ²Nehushtan. 5 He trusted in the LORD,

¹ Or, *they*.

² That is, *A piece of brass*.

the God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. 6 For he clave to the LORD, he departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. 7 And the LORD was with him; whithersoever he went forth he prospered: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. 8 He smote the Philistines unto Gaza and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. 10 And at the end of three years they took it: even in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. 11 And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah, and in Habor, on the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: 12 because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, even all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear it, nor do it.

13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did ¹Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them. 14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou putttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. 15 And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD,

¹ Heb. *Sannacherib*.

and in the treasures of the king's house. 16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria. 17 And the king of Assyria sent ¹Tartan and ²Rab-saris and ³Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host unto Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field. 18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. 19 And Rab-shakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? 20 Thou sayest, but they are but ⁴vain words, *I have* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou hast rebelled against me? 21 Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him. 22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? 23 Now therefore, I pray thee, ⁵give pledges to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. 24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots

¹ The title of the Assyrian commander in chief.

² Or, *chief eunuch.*

³ Or, *chief butler.*

⁴ Heb. *a word of the lips.*

⁵ Or, *make a wager with.*

and for horsemen? 25 Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. 26 Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebnah, and Joah, unto Rab-shakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that are on the wall. 27 But Rab-shakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own water with you? 28 Then Rab-shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear ye the word of the great king, the king of Assyria: 29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand: 30 neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, ¹Make an agreement with me, and come out to me, and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern: 32 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. 33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods

¹ Heb. *Make with me a blessing.*

of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? 35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand? 36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not. 37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiash, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

- XIX. 1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. 2 And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of ¹contumely: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. ¹ Or, *casting off.* 4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rab-shakeh, ²wherewith the king of Assyria his master hath sent him to reproach the living God; and will reprove him for the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left. ² Or, *whom the king of Assyria hath sent.* 5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and

I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. 9 And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying, 10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by¹ destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? 12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Telassar? 13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah? 14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. 15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD, the God of Israel, which² dwellest *between* the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. 16 LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, wherewith he hath sent him to reproach the living God. 17 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands, 18 and have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: there-

¹ Or, *devoting them.*

² Or, *art throned upon.*

fore they have destroyed them. 19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou only.

20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard thee.

21 This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin daughter of Zion hath despised thee, hath laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head ¹at thee. 22 Whom hast thou reproached

¹ Heb. *after*.

and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice? thou hast lifted up thine eyes on high against the Holy One of Israel.

23 By thy messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will go unto his farthest lodgingplace, to the forest of his fruitful field. 24 I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet I

dry up all the rivers of ²Egypt. 25 ³Hast thou not heard how I have made it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps. 26 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house tops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up. 27 But I know thy ⁴abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. 28 Because thy rage

² Or, *defence*.
Heb. *Mazor*.

³ Or, *Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it?*

⁴ Or, *sitting down*.

¹ Or, *thy careless ease.*

against me and ¹thine arrogance is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest. 29 And this shall be the sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year that which groweth of itself, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof. 30 And ²the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. 31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of ³the LORD shall perform this. 32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a mount against it. 33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and he shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. 34 For I will defend this city to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

² Heb. *the escaped of the house of Judah that remain.*

³ According to another reading, *the LORD of hosts.*

35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that ⁴Adrammelech and Sharezer smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

⁴ Or, according to another reading, *A. and S. his sons.*

XX. 1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of

Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying, 3 Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. 4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone ¹out into the middle ²court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD. 6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. 7 And Isaiah said, Take a cake of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. 8 And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up unto the house of the LORD the third day? 9 And Isaiah said, This shall be the sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: ³the shadow is gone forward ten ⁴degrees, shall it go back ten degrees? 10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to decline ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. 11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the ⁵dial of Ahaz.

12 At that time ⁵Berodach-baladan, the son

¹ Or, *out of*.

² Another reading is, *city*.

³ Or, *shall the shadows go forward ten degrees, or go back, &c.*

⁴ Heb. *steps*.

⁵ In Is. xxxix. 1, *Merodach-baladan*.

of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. 13 And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his ¹precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and the house of his ²armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not. 14 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, even from Babylon. 15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them. 16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD. 17 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. 18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. 19 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, Yet surely peace and truth shall be in my days. 20 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

XXI. 1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he

began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hephzi-bah. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel. 3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made an Asherah, as did Ahab king of Israel, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 6 And he made his son to pass through the fire, and practised augury, and used enchantments, and ^{Or, appointed.} dealt with them that had familiar spirits, and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 7 And he set the graven image of Asherah that he had made, in the house of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: 8 neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. 9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed from before the children of Israel. 10 And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying, 11 Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above

Or, appointed.
Heb. made.

all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: 12 therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle.

13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down. 14 And I will cast off the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; 15 because they have done that which is evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day. 16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. 17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

19 Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. 20 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did. 21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them: 22 and he

forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD. 23 And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house. 24 And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead. 25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 26 And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

XXII.

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. 3 And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying, 4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the money which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the ¹door have gathered of the people: 5 and let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work, which are in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house, 6 unto the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the house. 7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand; for they dealt faithfully. 8 And Hilkiah

¹ Heb. *thresh-*
old.

the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan, and he read it. 9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have ¹emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD. 10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. 11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. 12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, 13 Go ye, inquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us. 14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the ²wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the ³second quarter;) and they communed with her. 15 And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, 16 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: 17 because they

¹ Or, *poured out*.

² Heb. *garments*.

³ Heb. *Mishneh*.

have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. 18 But to the king of Judah which sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard; 19 because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become ¹a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD. 20 Therefore, behold, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

¹ Or, an astonishment.

XXIII.

1 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. 2 And the king went up unto the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD. 3 And the king stood ²by the pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book: and all the people stood to the covenant. 4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest,

² Or, on the platform.

³ joined in
³ Heb. stood

and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the ¹door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el. 5 And he put down the ²idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the high places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the ³planets, and to all the host of heaven. 6 And he brought out the Asherah from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the ⁴common people. 7 And he brake down the houses ⁵of the sodomites, that were in the house of the LORD, where the women wove ⁶hangings for Asherah. 8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba; and he brake down the high places of the gates that were at the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. 9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat unleavened bread among their brethren. 10 And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the ⁷children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. 11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun,

¹ Heb. *threshold*.

² Heb. *Chemarim*, Hos. x. 5. Zeph. i. 4.

³ Or, *twelve signs*.

⁴ Heb. *children of the people*.

⁵ See I Kin. xiv. 24. & xv. 12.

⁶ Or, *tents*, Heb. *houses*.

⁷ According to another reading, *son*.

at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. 12 And the altars that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and ¹brake *Or, ran from thence.* them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron. 13 And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of ²corruption, *Or, destruction.* which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile. 14 And he brake in pieces the pillars, and cut down the Asherim, and filled their places with the bones of men. 15 Moreover the altar that was at Beth-el, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he brake down; and he burned the high place and stamped it small to powder, and burned the Asherah. 16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount; and he sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and defiled it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these things. 17 Then he said, What is that monument which I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el. 18 And he

said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they spared his bones, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria. 19 And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the LORD* to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el. 20 And he ¹slew all the priests of the high places that were there, upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them; and he returned to Jerusalem.

¹ Or, *sacri-
fical.*

21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in this book of the covenant. 22 Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; 23 but in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem. 24 Moreover them that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the teraphim, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD. 25 And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him. 26 Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal. 27 And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of

my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city which I have chosen, even Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there. 28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 29 In his days Pharaoh-necoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him. 30 And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

31 Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 32 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done. 33 And Pharaoh-necoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, ¹when he reigned in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold. 34 And Pharaoh-necoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and changed his name to Jehoiakim: but Jehoahaz he took away; and he came to Egypt, and died there. 35 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh-necoh.

¹ According to another reading, *that he might not reign.*

36 Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zebidah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. 37 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that XXIV. his fathers had done. 1 In his days Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him. 2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servants the prophets. 3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; 4 and also for the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the LORD would not pardon. 5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. 7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the brook of Egypt unto the river Euphrates, all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months: and his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. 9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done. 10 At that time the servants of Nebu-

cadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. 11 And Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, while his servants were besieging it; 12 and Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his ¹officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. 13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. 14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land. 15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon; and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his ²officers, and the ³chief men of the land, carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. 16 And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths a thousand, all of them strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. 17 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

18 Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was ⁴Hamital, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 19 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem

¹ Or, *eunuchs*.² Or, *eunuchs*.³ Or, *mighty*.⁴ In chap. xxiii. 31, *Hamutal*.

and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence; and Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. 1 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about. 2 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. 3 And on the ninth day of the *fourth* month the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. 4 Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war *fled* by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden: (now the Chaldeans were against the city round about :) and *the king* went by the way of the plain. 5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army was scattered from him. 6 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him. 7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

8 Now in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, the chief of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem: 9 and he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great man's house, burnt he with fire. 10 And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were *with* the chief of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about. 11 And

the residue of the people that were left in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the chief of the guard carry away captive. 12 But the chief of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen. 13 And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldeans break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon. 14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. 15 And the firepans, and the basons; that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver, the chief of the guard took away. 16 The two pillars, the one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight. 17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and a chapter of brass was upon it: and the height of the chapter was three cubits; with network and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with network. 18 And the chief of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door: 19 and out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that ¹were near the king's person, which were found in the city, and the ²scribe, the captain of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land that were found in the city: 20 and Nebuzaradan, the chief of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah: 21 and

¹ Heb. *saw the king's face.*

² Or, *scribe of the captain of the host.*

the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of their land. 22 And as for the people that were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor.

23 Now when all the captains of the forces, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the Maacathite, they and their men. 24 And Gedaliah swore to them and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not because of the servants of the Chaldeans : dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon ; and it shall be well with you. 25 But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldeans that were with him at Mizpah. 26 And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces, arose, and came to Egypt : for they were afraid of the Chaldeans. 27 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison ; 28 and he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon ; 29 and changed his prison

garments: and he did eat bread before him continually all the days of his life. 30 And for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him of the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life.

I KINGS.

[N. B.—It is proposed that the rendering which follows the dash take the place of the one which precedes it.]

- I. The number omitted at beginning of chap. i.
3 coasts—borders
6 a very goodly man—of a very goodly form
8 which—who (so 48)
9 dele marg.²
 called—invited (so 10, 19 *bis*, 25, 26) as 1 Sam. ix. 24, 2 Sam. xiii.
 23
13 thine handmaid—thy handmaid (so 17)
17 swarest—didst swear (to remove the ambiguity of tense to the ear)
18 my lord the king—thou, my lord O king (as 20)
23 ground—earth
25 God save—Long live (so 34, 39) comp. 31 (make the same change
 2 Sam. xvi. 16)
27 shewed—made known
 Exchange text and marg.²
 should sit—shall sit
34 dele “with” (as ver. 39, Judg. vii. 18 etc.)
36 read “so say the LORD etc.”
49 guests that were with—guests of
52 shew himself—become
 an hair—a hair
53 thine house—thy house
- II. 3 dele “and” (after “statutes”)
 add marg. to “prosper” Or, *do wisely*,
6 marg.³ in text
8 which—who (so 24)
9 marg.¹ in text
10 So—And
12 And—So
13 Then—And
16 deny me not—say me not nay (as 17, 20 etc.)
24 set me—made me to sit
 an house—a house (so 36)

- II. 26 barest—didst bear (to remove ambiguity)
 hast been—wast
 33 (second clause) upon—unto (4 times)
 39 servants be—servants are
 41 come again—come back
 42 protested—protest
 44 thine heart—thy heart
 is privy to—knoweth
- III. 3 in the high—on the high
 9 so great a—great
 15 to all—for all
 16 should begin a paragraph
 came there—there came
 19 overlaid—lay upon
 20 thine handmaid—thy handmaid
 21 which—whom
 26 Let it be—It shall be
 thine,—thine ; (dele "but")
- IV. 2 which—that
 5 Exchange text and marg.⁶
 dele "*and*"
 7 which—that
 10 to him *pertained*—he had (so 13)
 11 dele marg.^{7 & 8}
 12 Zarethanah—Zarethan (the paragoric letter is no part of the name)
 the place that is over against—the other side of
 13 to him *also pertained*—*to wit* he had (the region is identical, see Dt.
 iii. 4, 13)
 19 country—land (*bis*) as in the last clause of the verse.
 23 an hundred—a hundred
 beside—besides
 24 on this side—beyond (*bis*)
 28 dele marg.¹
 33 cedar tree—cedar
 34 which—who
- V. 1 had heard—heard
 3 how that—that
 an house—a house
 dele marg.²
 4 occurrent—occurrence (not adjective but noun)
 6 cedar trees—cedars
 can skill—knoweth how
 Sidonians—Zidonians
 7 which—who

- V. 8 hearkened to *the message*—heard that
and I will—I will
marg.¹ in text
10 Hirom—Hiram (so 18) it is needless to reproduce petty variations
in Hebrew orthography
fir—cypress
11 marg.⁴ in text
15 dele “*of stone*”
16 which—that (*bis*)
17 hewed—took
wrought—hewn
- VI. 4 dele marg.³
6 without he made rebatements—he made offsets on the outside (see
vii, 9)
7 marg.¹ in text
8 dele marg.^{2,3}
side-chambers—side-chamber
with winding—by winding
12 in building—building
15 dele marg.⁵
marg.⁶ in text
16 dele marg.^{7,8,9}
20 before the oracle—the oracle in the forepart (as A. V.)
31 entering—entrance (so 33)
32 And the—So *he made*
dele “*were of*”
dele marg.⁴
33 dele “*out of*”
34 fir—cypress
36 rows—courses
hewed—hewn
row—course
38 dele marg.¹
- VII. 1 But—And
2 an hundred—a hundred
4 dele marg.³
rows—courses (so 12)
5 dele marg.⁵
8 dele “*was*”
porch; it was—porch was
an house—a house
12 row—course
16 chapters—capitals (so *passim*)
chapter—capital (so *passim*)

VII. 18 dele "of the pillars"

dele marg.²

19 were of lily work in the porch—in the porch were of lily work

20 belly—swelling

23 a molten—the molten

25 dele "set"

26 an hand—a hand

28 borders—panels (from marg.¹) so *passim*

there were borders—the panels were

32 axletrees—axles (as ver. 30) so 33

40 Hirom—Hiram

dele marg.^{2, 3, 4, 5}

VIII. 7 dele "two"

8 marg.¹ draw—*drew*13 an—a (*bis*) so 16, 17, 18, 63

15 which—who

18 thine heart—thy heart (*bis*)

20 performed—established (as vi. 12)

24 promisedst—didst promise (so 25)

thine hand—thy hand

25 yet so that—if only

29 that thou mayest hearken—to hearken (as 2 Chron. vi. 20)

31 marg.³ in text (dele marg.⁴)

33 be—are

turn again to—return unto

34 again—back

35 turn—turn away (as ix. 6)

add marg. Or, *that thou mayest answer them*36 add marg. Or, *that thou mayest teach*

37 caterpillar—grasshopper

38 which—that (so 48)

41 stranger—foreigner (so 43)

43 marg.¹ Or, — Heb. (as A. V.)

44 whithersoever—by whatever way

47 repent—turn

48 which—whither they (as 2 Chron. vi. 38)

50 dele marg.²

those who—them that (as 47)

51 be—are

52 cry—call

53 GoD—Jehovah

54 Begin paragraph

59 dele "at all times"

60 dele "*that*"*there is*—there is

66 goodness—good

- IX. 1 dele marg.¹
 3 mine heart—my heart
 7 this house—the house
 shall be—shall become
 8 first clause—return to A. V.
 11 cedar trees—cedars
 fir trees—cypresses
 15 for to build—to build
 20 which—that
 21 utterly to destroy—to devote to destruction
 22 men—the men
 23 which—who
 25 therewith, *upon the altar* that—upon that which
 add marg. Or, *burning them*
- X. 5 meat—food
 6 thy acts—thine acts
 7 exceedeth—exceed
 8 which—that
 9 which—who
 10 an hundred—a hundred
 12 pillars—a railing (from marg.⁶, dele “ Heb. *a prop*”)
 15 traffick—traffic (as 28)
 16 targets—bucklers (?)
 target—buckler (?)
 17 pound—manehs (as Ezek. xlv. 12)
 27 sycomore trees—sycamores (as Isa. ix. 10)
 29 an—a (*bis*)
- XI. 1 strange—foreign (so 8)
 7 an high—a high
 in the hill—on the hill
 8 which—that
 9 which—who (so 18, 23)
 15 dele marg.²
 18 an house—a house
 37 according to—over
- XII. 6 that I may—to
 8 which stood—that stood
 9 dele “ may ” and preceding comma
 dele “ did ”
 12 read “ come back to me ”
 17 which—that (so 21, 31)
 21 an hundred—a hundred
 again—back (so 27)

- XII. 28 Ye have gone up long enough unto—It is too much for you to go
up to (as A. V.)
30 one, even—one
31 an house—a house
- XIII. 2 cried—proclaimed (so 4, 32)
child—son
6 me again—unto me
8 thine house—thy house (so 18)
9 Eat—Thou shalt eat
11 marg.¹ in text
works—work
12 dele marg.²
which—that
17 again—back
21 cried—called
22 of the which—of which
24 by the way—in the way
by it,—by it;
34 dele marg.¹
- XIV. 2 which—who
3 cracknels—cakes
10 read “Jeroboam every male”
11 the air—heaven
12 thine house—thy house
14 dele marg.¹
15 For—And
18 dele “the hand of” (as xii. 15, xv. 29, xvi. 12; conform all similar passages)
27 which—that
- XV. 6 dele marg.⁴
13 an abominable—a frightful
20 Iion—Ijon (as A. V., and see 2 Kin. xv. 29)
- XVI. 4 the air—heaven
7 dele “the hand of”
against—concerning (*bis*) so 12
for all—because of all
Jeroboam:—Jeroboam,
9 which—who
11 slew—smote
read “he left him not a male”
16 slain—smitten
24 dele marg.¹
25 But—And
31 dele marg.^{2,3}

XVII. 1 dele marg.¹

- 10 of sticks—sticks
- 11 Bring—Fetch (as twice before)
thine hand—thy hand
- 12 an handful—a handful
a barrel—the jar
a cruse—the cruse
- 13 unto me—out to me
after—afterward thou shalt
- 14 barrel—jar (so 16)
- 17 so sore that—exceeding sore so that
- 18 art thou—thou art
call—bring (as changed in Ezek. xxi. 23)
son?—son.
- 19 chamber—upper chamber (so 23)
- 20 cried—called (so 21)

XVIII. 3 which—who

- 4 an hundred—a hundred (so 13)
- 8 dele “Behold” (so 11, 14)
- 10 found thee not—could not find thee
- 12 am gone—go
- 19 which eat at—that eat of (not seated at the same table with Jezebel, but supplied by her)
- 21 the LORD—Jehovah (so 22, 24, 31, 32, 36, 37 *bis*, 38, 39 *bis*)
halt—waver (add marg. Heb. *limp*)
- 26 hear—answer (from marg.¹)
- 27 Cry—Call
is gone aside—hath withdrawn himself
- 28 cried—called
- 29 sacrifice—oblation (as 2 Kin. iii. 20) so 36
neither voice—no voice (as 26)
to answer—that answered (as 26)
- 32 dele marg¹; add marg. to “two measures”—Or, a *two-seah measure*
(i. e. so broad and deep that a measure of this capacity could be set down in it)
- 33 barrels—jars
sacrifice—offering (as changed in 38)
- 37 Hear—Answer (*bis*)
- 44 Prepare—Make ready (as Gen. xlv. 29, 2 Kin. ix. 21)
dele marg.²
- 45 the mean while—a little while
dele marg.³

XIX. 3 dele marg.⁴

- 6 the coals—coals

- XIX. 8 meat—food
 9 a cave—the cave
 10 dele “even” (so 14)
 13 entering in—entrance
 15 by the wilderness to—to the wilderness of
 19 on toward—over to
 21 dele “after”
 roasted—boiled
- XX. 5 again—back
 6 thine house—thy house
 7 Mark—Consider (as 2 Kin. v. 7) so 22
 9 may not—can not
 word again—back word
 11 dele “*his harness*”
 dele “it”
 12 *the battle—yourselves*
the battle—themselves
 13 thine hand—thy hand (so 28)
 20 slew—smote (so 29)
 dele marg.⁵
 21 a great—great
 22 doest—wilt do
 23 the hills—hills (so 28)
 24 rooms—room
 27 pitched—encamped (so 29)
 28 the LORD is—Jehovah is
 the valleys—valleys
 29 an hundred—a hundred
 31 I pray—we pray
 33 took the—were seeking an
 Thy brother Ben-hadad—Ben-hadad is thy brother
 36 obeyed—hearkened unto
 37 he smote him and wounded—smiting and wounding
 40 dele marg.¹
 43 heavy—sullen (so xxi. 4, 5)
 displeased—angry (so xxi. 4)
- XXI. 7 thine heart—thy heart
 I—I myself
 8 a letter—letters (from marg.¹)
 it—them
 letter—letters (so 9, 11)
 9 at the head of—on high among (as A. V.) so 12
 add marg. Heb. *at the head of*
 10 men, sons of Belial—base men (dele marg.²) so 13
 carry—take
 may die—die

XXI. 13 men of Belial—base men

18 which is—who *reigneth*

19 dogs—the dogs (*bis*) as 2 Kin. ix. 10

21 read “every male, both him that etc.”

22 thine house—thy house

23 dele marg.¹

24 the air—heaven

25 which did—who did

XXII. 3 be still—are still

10 entering in—entrance

13 speak—speak thou

16 that which is true—truth

34 dele “certain ”

a bow—his bow

thine hand—thy hand

35 hollow—midst (as A. V.)

36 a cry—the cry

dele “own ” (see preceding clause)

38 washed—bathed (so in marg.³)

48 broken—broken in pieces

52 who made—wherein he made (see 2 Kin. iii. 3)

II KINGS.

- I. 3 not a God—no God (so 6)
 5 dele “when”
 turned back—returned
 he said—and he said
 turned back—returned
 6 a man up—up a man
 7 which—who
 8 He was a—A
 9 hill—mountain
 10 there came down fire—fire came down
 14 there came fire—fire came
 burnt up—consumed (as 10, 12)
- II. 9 dele “away” (see 10)
 10 it shall be—let it be
 11 dele “that”
 13 took up also—also took up
 14 dele marg.²
 15 which—who
 ground—earth
 16 there be—there are
 strong—valiant
 18 again—back
 19 naught—bad
 marg.² in text
 21 marg.³ in text
 22 saying—word
 23 little children—young lads
 24 read “tare of them forty and two children.”
- III. 4 read “the wool of a hundred thousand lambs and a hundred thousand rams;” put text in marg.
 11 which—who
 17 dele “both”
 19 fenced—fortified
 21 And—Now

- III. 21 in the border—on the border
 23 slain—smitten (as A. V.)
 25 beat—threw
 27 should have reigned—should reign
 marg.² in text
- IV. 2 Thine handmaid—thy handmaid (so 16)
 3 borrow thee—ask for thyself
 borrow—ask
 7 live thou—thou shalt live
 9 an holy—a holy
 which—who
 10 build—make (as A. V.)
 chamber—chamber on the wall (as A. V.)
 dele marg.¹
 13 dele marg.²
 14 child—son (as 16)
 16 according to the time of life—in the next year (text in marg.) so 17
 22 again—back (so 31)
 23 shall be—is
 24 an ass—the ass
 26 read “now, run etc.”
 27 hill—mount
 vexed—bitter (from marg.²)
 29 thine hand—thy hand
 37 ground—earth
 38 dearth—famine
 seethe—boil (as vi. 29)
 39 shred them—cut them up
 40 O thou—O
 42 corn—grain
 scrip—sack
 43 servitor—servant (as vi. 15)
 an hundred—a hundred
- V. 1 honourable—honoured (marg.⁴ in text)
 7 but—but only
 a quarrel—an occasion (see Judg. xiv. 4)
 8 now—I pray three
 10 again—back (so 14)
 11 strike—wave
 22 be—are
 23 content,—pleased to
 26 mine heart—my heart (so marg.²)
 dele “again”

- VI. 3 Vouchsafe—Be pleased
 go with—to go with
 5 master—my master
 10 protected—saved (as A. V.)
 11 Therefore—And
 13 spy—see
 15 dele marg.¹
 an host—a host
 16 be—are (*bis*)
 22 wouldst—dost
 32 read with A. V. “hold him fast at the door.”
- VII. 2 would—should (as 19)
 3 entering in—entrance
 5 uttermost part—edge (so 8) as Ex. xiii. 20, Num. xxxiii. 6, 7 (re-
 store “edge” in Josh. xiii. 27 as A. V. and make the same
 change Judg. vii. 17, 19) “uttermost” suggests the farthest
 instead of the nearest part
 8 And—So
 again—back
 12 be—are
 13 some take—there be taken
 16 spoiled—despoiled
 19 And he said—that he said (dependent on first of ver. 18)
- VIII. 1 thine household—thy household
 6 unto her—for her
 8 go, meet—go to meet (see 9)
 thine hand—thy hand
 10 marg.⁴ *shalt—mayest*
 13 which—who
 21 which—that
 22 Yet—So (as 2 Chron. xxi. 10)
- IX. 1 thine hand—thy hand
 2 carry—bring
 8 read “Ahab every male, both him etc.”
 11 lord—master (as *passim*)
 his talk—what he said
 13 on the top of the stairs—there on the steps (dele marg.¹)
 with trumpets—the trumpet
 14 kept—had kept
 Syria. 15 But—Syria: 15 but
 15 Jehoram—Joram (so 17, 21 *bis*, 22, 23) it is sufficient to note the
 variant orthography in the margin
 17 spied—saw
 an horseman—a horseman

- IX. 18 again—back (so 20, 36)
 19 which—who
 24 a bow—his bow
 29 And—Now
 30 tired—attired (comp. Lev. xvi. 4)
 36 dogs—the dogs (as 10)
- X. 2 fenced—fortified
 5 any—any one
 6 mine—for me
 which—who
 8 there came a messenger—the messenger came
 entering in—entrance
 Ye be—Ye are
 9 slew—smote (*bis*) so 11, 17
 15 thine heart—thy heart (as next clause)
 thine hand—thy hand
 17 saying—word
 18 dele “but”
 19 servants—worshippers (from marg.³) as *passim* below
 to do to Baal—for Baal
 22 vestry—wardrobe (comp. 2 Kin. xxii. 14, 2 Chron. xxiv. 32)
 vestments.—the vestments.
 23 said he—he said
 the LORD—Jehovah
 25 slay—smite
 26, 27 marg.^{1,2} in text
 30 and hast—in *that* thou hast (to make the commendation less
 unqualified)
 mine heart—my heart
 32 coasts—borders
 33 river Arnon—brook Arnon (make the same change wherever this
 expression occurs)
- XI. 2 which—that
 4 Carites—executioners (so 19)
 5 dele “they” and commas (as A. V.)
 7 dele “even they”
 8 marg.¹ in text
 12 God save—Long live
 14 a pillar—the pillar
 dele from marg.³ “Or, *at the pillar*”
 blew with—blew the
 15 Have her forth without the ranges—Bring her forth between the
 ranks (dele marg.⁴)
 17 a covenant—the covenant
 between the king also—also between the king
 20 slew—smote

- XII. 4 dele " of the souls "
- 7 no more the—no (so 8)
- 8 that they should receive—to receive
neither repair—and not to repair
- 9 door—threshold (from marg.¹)
- 10 told—counted
- 11 weighed—that was weighed
- 19 Joash—Jehoash (so 19) add marg. Heb. *Joash* (we suggest for the
sake of distinction that "Jehoash" be uniformly used for the
king of Judah and "Joash" for the king of Israel)
- 20 slew—smote
- XIII. 1 Joash—Jehoash
and reigned (conform 1 Kin. xv. 33, xvi. 18, 23)
- 4 because—that
- 7 dele " had " (*bis*)
- 16 thine hand—thy hand
- 17 victory—salvation (*bis*)
over—against
- 21 spied—saw
- XIV. 1 and reigned—and he reigned
- 5 as soon as—when
slew—smote (so 7)
which—who (so 21, 25)
slain—smitten
father. 6 But—father : 6 but
the murderers—them that had slain him
- 6 slew not—put not to death
- 10 thine heart—thy heart
shouldest—wilt
to thy hurt, that thou shouldest fall—with evil and fall
dele " even "
- 11 would not hear—did not hearken
- 25 dele " the hand of "
- XV. 5 a several—the separate
marg.¹ read Or, *house of freedom*, or, *infirmery*
- XVI. 6 dwelt—have dwelt
- 8 And—Moreover
- 9 for—and
- 17 marg.¹ in text
- XVII. 6 Habor on the river of Gozan—on the Habor the river of Gozan
(so xviii. 11)
- 7 which—who (so 32)

XVII. 9 those things—the things

fenced—fortified

11 in all—on all

14 would not hear—hearkened not,

34 manners--manner

XVIII. 12 obeyed not—hearkened not unto

13 fenced—fortified

14 return—turn back

18 which—who

19 ye now—, I pray you,

confidence—trust

20 *I have—there is*

22 the LORD—Jehovah

23 give pledges—pledge thyself

dele marg.⁵

24 away—back

25 read “Is it now without the LORD that I am come up etc.”

The LORD said—It is the LORD that said

32 oil olive—olive oil

34 mine hand—my hand (so 35)

XIX. 2 which—who

3 the children—children

4 reprove him for—rebuke

7 in him—within him

rumour—tidings

11 destroying utterly—devoting to destruction

15 which dwellest—who sittest (as Ps. lxxx. 1.)

thou hast—it is thou that hast

heaven and earth—the heaven and the earth

18 therefore—and

19 out of—from (as in Isai.)

art the LORD—Jehovah, art

20 Whereas—That which

thee—dele

22 exalted—raised. (Conform the question to A. V.)

23 fir trees—cypresses

his farthest—its farthest

the forest . . . field—its forest garden

24 have—have myself

strange—foreign

25 heard,—heard?

how &c—*Lege*, Long ago I did this and purposed it from ancient times:

fenced—fortified

XIX. 26 Therefore—And

were (*bis*)—are
 confounded—put to shame
 were as—are become as
 grass of the—herb of the
 green herb—green grass
 be—is

27 But—And

abode—sitting down
 rage—raging (so 28)

31 they &c—*Lege* as in Isai. out of Mount Zion they that escape

32 into—unto
 shield—a shield
 mount—mound

33 he shall—*Lege*, unto this city he shall not come

34 For—And
 defend—protect

35 they were—these were

XX. 4 afore—before

5 captain—prince (as 1 Kin. xiv. 7, xvi. 2)

6 defend—protect

9 degrees (*bis*)—steps (text put in marg.)

10 degrees—steps

11 brought etc—*Lege*, caused the shadow to return backward the ten
 steps by which it had gone down on the steps of Ahaz.

13 the house—all the house

14 came—come

15 thine . . mine—thy, my

17 thine—thy

18 which—whom

away—dele

19 Then said Hez —And Hez. said

And—Moreover (as in Isaiah)

Yet surely—Return to A. V.

XXI. 2 heathen whom—nations which

3 built up—built

5 And—Yea

6 practised—observed

8 feet . . . move—foot . . . wander

only if—if only (as Deut. xv. 5, 1 Kin. viii. 25)

and according—even according

9 whom—which

11 which—who

24 slew—smote

XXII. 4 door—threshold (from marg.)

5 which—who

7 there . . . reckoning—no reckoning shall be
was—is
dealt—deal

9 the king word again—back word to the king

11 king had—king

16 will bring—am bringing (as xxi. 12)

17 shall be—is

18 which—who

19 thine—thy

has rent . . . wept—didst rend . . . weep

20 the king word again—back word to the king

XXIII. 3 a covenant—the covenant

4 door—threshold (from marg.)

5 ordained—appointed

high places round—places round

planets—constellations

8 entering in—entrance, (so 11)

9 they—dele

12 brake—he brake

down—dele (also dele margin)

16 spied—saw (so 24)

17 which—who

22 nor . . . nor—even . . . and

29 had seen—saw

33 bands—bonds

XXIV. 15 And—So

XXV. 1 pitched—encamped

4 the city was broken up—a breach was made in the city (comp. Isa.
vii. 6)9 great man's—add marg. Or, *great house*

17 chapter—capital

19 which (*bis*)—who

city :—city.

20 and Nebuz.—So Nebuz.

29 before him—in his presence

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THE FIRST BOOK
OF
THE CHRONICLES.

I. 1 ADAM, Seth, Enosh, 2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jared, 3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, 4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

5 The sons of Japheth ; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 6 And the sons of Gomer ; Ashchenaz, and ¹Diphath, and Togarmah. 7 And the sons of Javan ; Elishah, and Tarshish, Chittim, and ²Rodanim.

8 The sons of Ham ; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 9 And the sons of Cush ; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raama, and Sabtechah. And the sons of Raamah ; Sheba, and Dedan. 10 And Cush begat Nimrod : he began to be a mighty one in the earth. 11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, 12 and Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (from whence came ³Philistim,) and Caphtorim. 13 And Canaan begat Zidon his firstborn, and Heth, 14 and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, 15 and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite, 16 and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 The sons of Shem ; Elam, and Asshur,

¹ In Gen. x. 3,
Riphat.

² In Gen. x. 4,
Dodanim.

³ Or, *the Philistines.*

and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. 18 And Arpachshad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber. 19 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; for in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name was Joktan. 20 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, 21 and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, 22 and Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba, 23 and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.

24 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah, 25 Eber, Peleg, Reu, 26 Serug, Nahor, Terah, 27 Abram; the same is Abraham. 28 The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and Ishmael.

29 These are their generations: The first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, 30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, 31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

32 And the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba, and Dedan. 33 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoah, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these are the sons of Keturah.

34 And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of Isaac; Esau and Israel.

35 The sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. 36 The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. 37 The sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. 38 And the sons of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and

Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. 39 And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and Homam: and Timna was Lotan's sister. 40 The sons of Shobal; Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah. 41 The sons of Anah; Dishon. And the sons of Dishon; ¹Hamran, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. 42 The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zaavan, ²Jaakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran. 43 Now these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel; Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city was Dinhabah. 44 And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. 45 And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. 46 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, which smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith. 47 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. 48 And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead. 49 And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. 50 And Baal-hanan died, and ³Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was ⁴Pai; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. 51 And Hadad died. And the dukes of Edom were; duke Timna, duke Aliah, duke Jetheth, 52 duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon, 53 duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar, 54 duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These are the dukes of Edom.

II. 1 These are the sons of Israel; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebu-

¹ In Gen. xxxvi. 26, *Hemdan.*

² In Gen. xxxvi. 27, *Akan.*

³ In Gen. xxxvi. 39, *Hadar.*

⁴ In Gen. xxxvi. 39, *Pau.*

lun, 2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. 3 The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: which three were born unto him of Bath-Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and he slew him. 4 And Tamar his daughter in law bare him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five. 5 The sons of Perez; Hezron, and Hamul. 6 And the sons of Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara: five of them in all. 7 And the sons of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of Israel, who committed a trespass in the devoted thing. 8 And the sons of Ethan; Azariah. 9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. 10 And Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah; 11 and Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz, 12 and Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse, 13 and Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third, 14 Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, 15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh: 16 and their sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. 17 And Abigail bare Amasa: and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite. 18 And Caleb the son of Hezron begat *children* of Azubah *his* wife, and of Jerioth: and these were her sons; Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon. 19 And Azubah died, and Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur. 20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel. 21 And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead; whom he took *to wife* when he was threescore years old; and she

bare him Segub. 22 And Segub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead. 23 And Geshur and Aram took ¹the towns of Jair from them, with Kenath, and the ²villages thereof, even threescore cities. All these were the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. 24 And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephraim, then Abiah Hezron's wife bare him Ashhur the father of Tekoa. 25 And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were, Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, Ahijah. 26 And Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam. 27 And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were, Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. 28 And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur. 29 And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bare him Ahban, and Molid. 30 And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim: but Seled died without children. 31 And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And the sons of Sheshan; Ahlai. 32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan: and Jether died without children. 33 And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel. 34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha. 35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai. 36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Zabad, 37 and Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed, 38 and Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah, 39 and Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah, 40 and Eleasah

¹ Or, Havoth-Jair.

² Heb. daughters.

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begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum,
 41 and Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah
 begat Elishama. 42 And the sons of Caleb
 the brother of Jerahmeel were, Mesha his first-
 born, which was the father of Ziph; and the
 sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. 43 And
 the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and
 Rekem, and Shema. 44 And Shema begat
 Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem
 begat Shammai. 45 And the son of Shammai
 was Maon; and Maon was the father of Beth-
 zur. 46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare
 Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begat
 Gazez. 47 And the sons of Jahdai; Regem,
 and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah,
 and Shaaph. 48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine,
 bare Sheber, and Tirhanah. 49 She bare also
 Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the
 father of Machbena, and the father of Gibeaz;
 and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah. 50
 These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur,
 the firstborn of Ephrathah; Shobal the father of
 Kirjath-jearim, 51 Salma the father of Beth-
 lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader. 52
 And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim had
 sons; Haroeh, ¹half of the Menuhoth. 53 And
 the families of Kirjath-jearim; the Ithrites,
 and the Puthites, and the Shumathites, and the
 Mishraites; of them came the Zorathites, and
 the Eshtaolites. 54 The sons of Salma; Beth-
 lehem, and the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-
 Joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.
 55 And the families of scribes which dwelt at
 Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, the
 Sucathites. These are the Kenites that came
 of Hammath, the father of the house of Recab.

III. 1 Now these were the sons of David, which
 were born unto him in Hebron; the firstborn

¹ Or, *Hazi-
hamme-
nuhoth.*

Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess: 2 the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur: the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith: 3 the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife. 4 Six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years. 5 And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bath-shua the daughter of Ammiel: 6 and Ibhar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet, 7 and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 8 and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. 9 All these were the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar was their sister. 10 And Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abijah his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son. 11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son, 12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son, 13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, 14 Amon his son, Josiah his son. 15 And the sons of Josiah were, the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum. 16 And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son. 17 And the sons of Jeconiah ¹the captive; Shealtiel his son, 18 and Malchiram, and Pedaiah, and Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. 19 And the sons of Pedaiah; Zerubbabel, and Shimei; and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith was their sister: 20 and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five. 21 And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jeshaiah: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah,

2 K. 8. 3. 24

¹ Or, *Assir*.

the sons of Shecaniah. 22 And the sons of Shecaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six. 23 And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three. 24 And the sons of Elioenai; Hodaviah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

- IV. 1 The sons of Judah; Perez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. 2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai, and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites. 3 And these were *the sons of* ¹Abi-etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister was Hazlelponi: 4 and Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, the father of Beth-lehem. 5 And Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah. 6 And Naarah bare him Ahuzzam, and Hephher, and the Temanites, and the Ahashtarites. These were the sons of Naarah. 7 And the sons of Helah were, Zereth, ²Izhar, and Ethnan. 8 And Hakkoz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum. 9 And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that I may not have sorrow! And God granted him that which he requested. 11 And Chelub the brother of Shuhah begat Mehir, which was the father of Eshton. 12 And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the

¹ Or, *the father of Etam.*

² Or, *and Zohar.*

father of ¹Ir-nahash. These are the men of Recah. 13 And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel; Hathath. 14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab, the father of ²Ge-harashim; for they were craftsmen. 15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah; and Kenaz. 16 And the sons of Jehallelel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel. 17 And the sons of Ezrah; Jether, and Mered, and Ephraim, and Jalon: and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. 18 And his wife the Jewess bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took. 19 And the sons of the wife of Hodia, the sister of Naham, were Abi-keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maacathite. 20 And the sons of Shimon; Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi; Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth. 21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah; Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea, 22 and Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. But these are ancient things. 23 These were the potters, and ³the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

¹ Or, the city of Nahash.

² Or, the valley of craftsmen.

³ Or, those that dwell among plants and hedges.

24 The sons of Simeon; Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul: 25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son. 26 And the sons of Mishma; Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son. 27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had

not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah. 28 And they dwelt at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual, 29 and at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad, 30 and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, 31 and at Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susim, and at Beth-biri, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities unto the reign of David. 32 And their villages were, Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashar, five cities: 33 and all their villages that were round about the same cities, unto Baal. These were their habitations, and their genealogy. 34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah, 35 and Joel, and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel, 36 and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, 37 and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah; 38 these mentioned by name were princes in their families: and their fathers' houses increased greatly. 39 And they went to the entering in of Gedor, even unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. 40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for they that dwelt there aforetime were of Ham. 41 And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the ¹Meunim that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their stead: because there was pasture there for their flocks. 42 And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

¹ Or, *habitations*.
Another reading is *fountains*.

43 And they smote the remnant of the Amalekites that escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

V. 1 And the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's couch, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel; and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. 2 For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the ¹chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's :) 3 the sons, *I say*, of Reuben the firstborn of Israel were, Hanoeh, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. 4 The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, 5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son, 6 Beerah his son, whom ²Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away captive: he was prince of the Reubenites. 7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned; the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, 8 and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-meon: 9 and eastward he dwelt even unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates: because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead. 10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the *land* east of Gilead.

¹ Or, *prince*.

² In 2 Kin. xv. 29. & xvi. 7, *Tiglath-pileser*.

11 And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bashan unto Salcah: 12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the second, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan. 13 And their brethren of their fathers' houses were, Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jacan, and Zia, and Eber, seven. 14 These are the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael,

the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz; 15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of their fathers' house. 16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her ¹towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon, as far as their ²borders. 17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel. 18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, were forty and four thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to war. 19 And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab. 20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated of them; because they put their trust in him. 21 And they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of ³men an hundred thousand. 22 For there fell many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their stead until the captivity. 23 And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and unto mount Hermon. 24 And these were the heads of their fathers' houses even Ephraim, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, famous men, heads of their fathers' houses. 25 And they trespassed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God destroyed before them. 26 And the God of Israel stirred

¹ Heb. daughters.

² Heb. goings forth.

³ Heb. souls of men.

up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river of Gozan, unto this day.

- VI. 1 The sons of Levi ; ¹Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 2 And the sons of Kohath ; Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. 3 And the children of Amram ; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron ; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 4 Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua, 5 and Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi, 6 and Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meraioth, 7 Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub, 8 and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaz, 9 and Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan, 10 and Johanan begat Azariah, (he it is that executed the priest's office in the House that Solomon built in Jerusalem :) 11 and Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub, 12 and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat ²Shallum, 13 and Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah, 14 and Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak, 15 and Jehozadak went *into captivity*, when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. 16 The sons of Levi ; ³Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 17 And these be the names of the sons of Gershon ; Libni, and Shimei. 18 And the sons of Kohath were Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. 19 The sons of Merari ; Mahli, and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' houses. 20 Of Gershon ; Libni his son, Ja-

[ch. v. 27 in Heb.]

¹ In ver. 16, *Gershon*.

² In ch. ix. 11, *Meshullam*.

³ In ver. 1, *Gershon*.

¹ In ver. 42,
Ethan.

² In ver. 41,
Adaiah.

³ In ver. 41,
Ethni.

⁴ In ver. 2, 18,
38, *Izhar.*

⁵ In ver. 36,
Zephaniah,
Azariah,
Joel.

⁶ In ver. 35,
Zuph.

⁷ In ver. 34,
Toah.

⁸ In ver. 34,
Eliel.

⁹ So the Sy-
riac; and see
1 Sam. viii. 2.
The Hebrew
text has *Iash-*
ni, and *Abiah*.

¹⁰ Heb. *stood*.

¹¹ In ver. 26,
Nahath.

¹² In ver. 26,
Zophai.

¹³ In ver. 24,
Shaul, Uziah,
Uriel.

hath his son, Zimmah his son, 21 ¹Joah his son,
²Iddo his son, Zerah his son, ³Jeatherai his son.
22 The sons of Kohath; ⁴Amminadab his son,
Korah his son, Assir his son, 23 Elkanah his
son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,
24 Tahath his son, ⁵Uriel his son, Uziah his
son, and Shaul his son. 25 And the sons of
Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth. 26 As for
Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah; ⁶Zophai his son,
and ⁷Nahath his son, 27 ⁸Eliab his son, Jeroham
his son, Elkanah his son. 28 And the sons of
Samuel; the firstborn ⁹*Joel*, and the second
Abiah. 29 The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni
his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son, 30 Shimea
his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son. 31 And
these are they whom David set over the service
of song in the house of the LORD, after that the
ark had rest. 32 And they ministered before
the tabernacle of the tent of meeting with
singing, until Solomon had built the house of
the LORD in Jerusalem: and they waited on
their office according to their order. 33 And
these are they that ¹⁰waited with their children.
Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman the
singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel,
34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham,
the son of Eliel, the son of ¹¹Toah, 35 the son
of ¹²Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath,
the son of Amasai, 36 the son of Elkanah, the
son of ¹³Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of
Zephaniah, 37 the son of Tahath, the son of
Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,
38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the
son of Levi, the son of Israel. 39 And his
brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand,
even Asaph, the son of Berechiah, the son of
Shimea, 40 the son of Michael, the son of
Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah, 41 the son of

Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah, 42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, 43 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. 44 And on the left hand their brethren the sons of Merari: ¹Ethan the son of ²Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, 45 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah, 46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of She-mer, 47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi. 48 And their brethren the Levites were ³appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of the house of God. 49 But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of burnt offering, and upon the altar of incense, for all the work of the holy of Holies, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded. 50 And these are the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, 51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son, 52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, 53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son. 54 Now these are their dwelling places according to their encampments in their coasts, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites: for theirs was the ⁴first lot. 55 And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it; 56 but the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 57 And ⁵to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron; Libnah also with her suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs, 58 and ⁶Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs, 59 and ⁷Ashan with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs: 60 and out of the tribe of Benjamin;

¹ In ch. ix. 16, *Jeduthun*.

² In ch. xv. 17, *Kushaiah*.

³ Heb. *given*.
See Num. iii. 9.

⁴ See Josh. xxi. 4, 10.

⁵ See Josh. xxi. 13, &c.

⁶ In Josh. xxi. 15, *Holon*.

⁷ In Josh. xxi. 16, *Ain*.

¹ In Josh. xxi. 18, *Almon*.

² But see Josh. xxi. 5.

³ See Josh. xxi. 22—35, where many of these cities have other names.

Geba with her suburbs, and ¹Allemeth with her suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities. 61 ²And unto the rest of the sons of Kohath, *were given* by lot out of the family of the tribe, out of the half tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten cities. 62 And to the sons of Gershom according to their families out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. 63 Unto the sons of Merari *were given* by lot, according to their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. 64 And the children of Israel gave to the Levites the cities with their suburbs. 65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities, which are mentioned by name. 66 And some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their coasts out of the tribe of Ephraim. 67 And they gave unto them, the cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with her suburbs; Gezer also with her suburbs, 68 ³and Jokmeam with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs, 69 and Aijalon with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs: 70 and out of the half tribe of Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath. 71 Unto the sons of Gershom *were given* out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs: 72 and out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with

her suburbs, 73 and Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs: 74 and out of the tribe of Asher; Mashal with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs, 75 and Hukok with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs: 76 and out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs. 77 Unto the rest of the children of Merari *were given* out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmono with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs: 78 and beyond the Jordan of Jericho, on the east side of Jordan, *were given them* out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs, 79 and Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs: 80 and out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs, 81 and Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jaazer with her suburbs.

- VII. 1 And the sons of Issachar were, Tola, and ¹Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four. 2 And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Ibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers' houses, *to wit*, of Tola: mighty men of valour in their generations; whose number was in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred. 3 And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Isshiah, five: all of them chief men. 4 And with them, by their generations, after their fathers' houses were bands of the host for war, six and thirty thousand: for they had many wives and sons. 5 And their brethren among all the families of Issachar, mighty men of valour, reckoned in all by genealogy, were fourscore and seven thousand.

¹ In Gen. xlv.
¹², *Phuah*,
Job.

6 *The sons of Benjamin*; Bela, and Becher, and Jediahel, three. 7 And the sons of Bela: Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of fathers' houses, mighty men of valour; and they were reckoned by genealogy twenty and two thousand and thirty and four. 8 And the sons of Becher; Zemirah, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abijah, and Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Becher. 9 And they were reckoned by genealogy, after their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valour, twenty thousand and two hundred. 10 And the sons of Jediahel; Bilhan: and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tarshish, and Ahishahar. 11 All these were sons of Jediahel, according to the heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valour, seventeen thousand and two hundred, fit to go out in the host for war.

¹ In Num. xxvi. 39, *Shupham*, and *Hupham*.

² In ver. 7, *Iri*.

³ In Num. xxvi. 38, *Ahiram*.

⁴ In Gen. xlv. 24, *Shillem*.

12 ¹Shuppin also, and Huppin, the children of ²Ir, Hushim, the sons of ³Aher.

13 The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and ⁴Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

14 The sons of Manasseh; Asriel, whom *his wife* bare: (his concubine the Aramitess she bare Machir the father of Gilead: 15 and Machir took a wife of Huppin and Shuppin, whose sister's name was Maacah;) and the name of the second was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters. 16 And Maacah the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rakem. 17 And the sons of Ulam; Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. 18 And his

sister Hammolecheth bare Ishhod, and ¹Abiezer, and Mahlah. 19 And the sons of Shemida were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

¹ In Num. xxvi. 30, *Fezer.*

20 And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eleadah his son, and Tahath his son, 21 and Zabab his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath that were born in the land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. 22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. 23 And he went in to his wife, and she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house. 24 And his daughter was Sheerah, who built Beth-horon the nether, and the upper, and Uzzensheerah. 25 And Rephah was his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son, 26 Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son, 27 ²Non his son, ~~Joshua~~ ²Joshua his son. 28 And their possessions and habitations were, Beth-el and the towns thereof, and eastward ³Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns thereof; Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto Gaza and the towns thereof: 29 and by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Bethshean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

Heb. Fezer.
² In Num. xiii. 8, 16, *Num.*
Heb. Fezer.

³ In Josh. xvi. 7, *Naarath.*

30 The sons of Asher; Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. 31 And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith. 32 And Heber begat ⁴Iphlat, and ⁵Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. 33 And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath.

⁴ In ver. 33, *Japhlet.*

⁵ In ver. 34, *Shemer.*

¹ In ver. 32,
Shomer.

These are the children of Japhlet. 34 And the sons of ¹Shemer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubab, and Aram. 35 And the sons of Helem his brother; Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. 36 The sons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah, 37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera. 38 And the sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara. 39 And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Hanniel, and Riziah. 40 All these were the children of Asher, heads of the fathers' houses, choice and mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number of them reckoned by genealogy for service in war was twenty and six thousand men.

VIII. 1 And Benjamin begat Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, 2 Noahah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. 3 And Bela had sons, ²Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, 4 and Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, 5 and Gera, and ³Shephuphan, and Huram. 6 And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of fathers' *houses* of the inhabitants of Geba, and they carried them captive to Manahath: 7 and Naaman, and Ahijah, and Gera, he carried them captive; and he begat Uzza, and Ahihud. 8 And Shaharaim begat children in the field of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara were his wives. 9 And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcam, 10 and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of fathers' *houses*. 11 And of Hushim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal. 12 And the sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shemedi, who built Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof: 13 and Beriah, and Shema, who were heads of

² In Gen. xvi.
21, *And.*

³ In Num.
xxvi. 39,
Shupham.

fathers' *houses* of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath; 14 and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth, 15 and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Eder, 16 and Michael, and Ishpah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah; 17 and Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hizki, and Heber, 18 and Ishmerai, and Izliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal; 19 and Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, 20 and Elienai, and Zillethai, and Eliel, 21 and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of ¹Shimei; 22 and Ishpan, and Eber, and Eliel, 23 and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, 24 and Hananiah, and Elam, and Anthothijah, 25 and Iphdeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak; 26 and Shamsheraï, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, 27 and Jaareshiah, and Elijah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham. 28 These were heads of fathers' *houses* throughout their generations, chief men: these dwelt in Jerusalem. 29 And in Gibeon there dwelt the ²father of Gibeon; whose wife's name was Maacah: 30 and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, 31 and Gedor, and Ahio, and ³Zechar. 32 And Mikloth begat ⁴Shimeah. And they also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against their brethren. 33 And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and ⁵Abinadab, and ⁶Eshbaal. 34 And the son of Jehonathan was ⁷Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat Micah. 35 And the sons of Micah were, Pithon, and Melech, and ⁸Tarea, and Ahaz. 36 And Ahaz begat ⁹Jehoaddah; and Jehoaddah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza, 37 and Moza begat Binea: ¹⁰Raphah was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son: 38 and Azel had six sons, whose names are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and

¹ In ver. 13, *Shema*.

² In ch. ix. 35, *Feiel*.

³ In ch. ix. 37, *Zechariah*.

⁴ In ch. ix. 38, *Shimeam*.

⁵ In 1 Sam. xiv. 49, *Ishui*.

⁶ In 2 Sam. ii.

8, *Ishbosheth*.

⁷ In 2 Sam. iv.

4 and ix. 6,

10, *Alphibosheth*.

⁸ In ch. ix. 41,

Tahrez.

⁹ In ch. ix. 42,

Farah.

¹⁰ In ch. ix. 43,

Rephaiah.

Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel. 39 And the sons of Eshek his brother were, Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third. 40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty. All these were of the sons of Benjamin.

IX. 1 So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel: and Judah was carried away captive to Babylon for their transgression.

¹ Ezra ii. 70.
Neh. vii. 73.

2 ¹ Now the first inhabitants that dwelt in their possessions in their cities were, Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the Nethinim. 3 And in ² Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh; 4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Perez the son of Judah. 5 And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons. 6 And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety. 7 And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah, 8 and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah; 9 and their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men were heads of fathers' *houses* by their fathers' houses. 10 And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin, 11 and ³ Azariah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God; 12 and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of

³ In Neh. xi.
11, *Seraiah*.

Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer; 13 and their brethren, heads of their fathers' houses, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; ¹very able men for the work of the service of the house of God. 14 And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; 15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph; 16 and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites. 17 And the porters; Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum was the chief; 18 who hitherto *waited* in the king's gate eastward: they were the porters for the camp of the children of Levi. 19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of his father's house, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the ²gates of the ³tabernacle: and their fathers had been over the camp of the LORD, keepers of the entry; 20 and Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them in time past, *and* the LORD was with him. 21 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was porter of the door of the tent of meeting. 22 All these which were chosen to be porters in the gates were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their ⁴set office. 23 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, even the house of the ⁵tabernacle, by

¹ Heb. *mighty men of valour.*

² Heb. *thresholds.*
³ Heb. *tent.*

⁴ Or, *trust.*

⁵ Heb. *tent.*

¹Heb. *Towards
the four winds.*

wards. 24 ¹On the four sides were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south. 25 And their brethren, in their villages, were to come in every seven days from time to time to be with them: 26 for the four chief porters, being Levites, were in a set office, and were over the chambers and over the treasuries in the house of God. 27 And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *thereof* was upon them, and to them pertained the opening thereof morning by morning. 28 And certain of them had charge of the vessels of service, for by tale were they brought in and by tale were they taken out. 29 *Some* of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the vessels of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. 30 And some of the sons of the priests prepared the confection of the spices. 31 And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the set office over the things that were baked in pans. 32 And some of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the shew-bread, to prepare it every sabbath. 33 And these are the singers, heads of fathers' *houses* of the Levites, *who dwelt* in the chambers *and were free from other service*: for they were employed in their work day and night. 34 These were heads of fathers' *houses* of the Levites, throughout their generations, chief men: these dwelt at Jerusalem.

35 And in Gibeon there dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was Maacah: 36 and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, 37 and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. 38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they

also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against their brethren. 39 And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jehonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab and Eshbaal. 40 And the son of Jehonathan was Merib-baal: and Merib-baal begat Micah. 41 And the sons of Micah were, Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, ¹and Ahaz. 42 And Ahaz ²ch. viii. 35. begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza; 43 and Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. 44 And Azel had six sons, whose names are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these were the sons of Azel.

- X. 1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. 2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and ²Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers overtook him, and he was distressed by reason of the archers. 4 Then said Saul to his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon his sword, and died. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons; and all his house died together. 7 And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and

² In 1 Sam. xiv. 49, *Ishui*.

dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And they stripped him, and took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry the tidings unto their idols, and to the people. 10 And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the house of Dagon. 11 And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, 12 all the valiant men arose, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. 13 So Saul died ¹for his trespass which he committed against the LORD, because of the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire *thereby*; 14 and he inquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

- XI. 1 Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. 2 In times past, even when Saul was king, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel. 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel. 4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, the same is Jebus; and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there. 5 And the in-


¹ Or, *in*.

habitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come in hither. Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, the same is the city of David. 6 And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and he was made chief. 7 And David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the city of David. 8 And he built the city round about, from Millo even round about: and Joab ¹repaired the rest of the city. 9 And David waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hosts was with him.

¹ Heb.
revived.

10 Now these are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who ²shewed themselves strong with him in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel. 11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, an Hachmonite, the chief of the ³thirty: he lifted up his spear against three hundred and slew them at one time. 12 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty men. 13 He was with David at ⁴Pas-dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. 14 And they set themselves in the midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great victory. 15 And three of the thirty chief went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim. 16 And David was then in the hold, and the Philistines' garrison was then in Beth-lehem. 17 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give

² Or, *held strongly with him.*


³ Another reading is, *captains.*

⁴ In 1 Sam. xvii. 1, *Ephes-dammim.*

me water to drink of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate! 18 And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but David would not drink of it, but poured it out unto the LORD, 19 and said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men. 20 And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for he lifted up his spear against three hundred ¹and slew them, and he had a name among the three. 21 Of the three, he was doubly honourable and was made their captain: howbeit he attained not to the *first* three. 22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds: he slew the two *sons of* Ariel of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in a pit in time of snow. 23 And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. 24 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he had a name among the three mighty men. 25 Behold, he was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three: and David set him over his ²guard. 26 Also the mighty men of valour were, Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, 27 ³Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the ⁴Pelonite, 28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abi-ezer the Anathothite,

¹ Heb. *slain*.

² Or, *council*.

³ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 25, *Shammah the Harodite*.

⁴ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 26, *Paltite*.

29 ¹Sibbecai the Hushathite, ²Ilai the Ahohite, ³Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, ³¹Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, of the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, ³²⁴Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, ⁵Abiel the Arbathite, ³³Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, ³⁴the sons of ⁶Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite, ³⁵Ahiam the son of ⁷Sacar the Hararite, ⁸Eliphal the son of Ur, ³⁶Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, ³⁷⁹Hezro the Carmelite, ¹⁰Naarai the son of Ezbai, ³⁸Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the Hagarite, ³⁹Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armourbearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah, ⁴⁰Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, ⁴¹Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai, ⁴²Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him, ⁴³Hanan the son of Maacah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite, ⁴⁴Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite, ⁴⁵Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite, ⁴⁶Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, ⁴⁷Eliel, and Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

¹ In 2 Sam.

xxiii. 27,

Mebunnai.

² In 2 Sam.

xxiii. 28,

Zalmon.

³ In 2 Sam.

xxiii. 29,

Heleb.

⁴ In 2 Sam.

xxvi. 30,

Hiddai.

⁵ In 2 Sam.

xxvi. 31, *Abi-*

albon.

⁶ In 2 Sam.

xxiii. 32, 33,

Yashen.

⁷ In 2 Sam.

xxiii. 33,

Sharar.

⁸ In 2 Sam.

xxiii. 34, *Eli-*

phelet the son

of Ahasbai.

⁹ In 2 Sam.

xxiii. 35,

Hezrai.

¹⁰ In 2 Sam.

xxiii. 35, *Paarai the Arbite.*

XII. 1 Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, ¹¹while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, his helpers in war. 2 They ¹²were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in slinging stones and in shooting arrows from the bow; they were of Saul's brethren of Benjamin. 3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Beracah, and Jehu the Ana-

¹¹ Heb. being yet shut up.

¹² Or, drew the bow.

thothite, 4 and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite, 5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite, 6 Elkanah, and Isshiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites, 7 and Joelah, and Zebadiah the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. 8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness, mighty men of valour, men trained for war, that could handle shield and spear; whose faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the roes upon the mountains; 9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, 10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, 11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, 12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, 13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh. 14 These of the sons of Gad were captains of the host: he that was least was equal to an hundred, and the greatest to a thousand. 15 These are they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west. 16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David. 17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if *ye be come* to betray me to mine adversaries, seeing there is no ¹wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it. 18 Then the spirit ²came upon Amasai, who was chief of the ³thirty, *and he said*, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace

¹ Or, *violence*.

² Heb. *clothed*.

³ Another reading is, *captains*.

be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

19 Of Manasseh also there fell some to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle, but ¹they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads. 20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of thousands that were of Manasseh. 21 And they helped David against ²the band of rovers: for they were all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host. 22 For from day to day there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God.

23 And these are the ³numbers of them *that* were armed for war, which came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD. 24 The children of Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, armed for war. 25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. 26 Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred. 27 And Jehoiada was the leader of *the house of* Aaron, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred; 28 and Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains. 29 And of the children of Benjamin, the brethren of Saul, three thousand: ⁴and hitherto the greatest part of them *had* ⁵kept the ward in the house of Saul. 30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous men in their

¹ According to some ancient versions, *he*.

² See 1 Sam. xxx. 9.

³ Heb. *numbers of the heads of them, &c.*

⁴ Or, *for*.

⁵ Or, *maintained their allegiance to*.

fathers' houses. 31 And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king. 32 And of the children of Issachar, men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment. 33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to war, that could set the battle in array with all manner of instruments of war, fifty thousand; which could keep rank, ¹not being of double heart. 34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand. 35 And of the Danites that could set the battle in array twenty and eight thousand and six hundred. 36 And of Asher, such as went forth to war, able to set the battle in array, forty thousand. 37 And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand. 38 All these being men of war, that could order the battle array came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. 39 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had made preparation for them. 40 Moreover they that were nigh unto them, *even* as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought provision on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, victual of meal, cakes of figs, and cakes of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep in abundance: for there was joy in Israel.

XIII. 1 And David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, even with every

¹ Or, and *were*
not.

leader. 2 And David said unto all the assembly of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and if it be of the LORD our God, let us send abroad ~~everywhere~~ unto our brethren, that are left in all the ¹land of Israel, ²with whom the priests and Levites are in their cities with suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us: 3 and let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we sought not after it in the days of Saul. 4 And all the assembly said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. 5 So David assembled all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering in of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim. 6 And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, *that is*, to Kirjath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that ³dwelleth *between* the cherubim, ⁴which is called by the Name. 7 And they ~~set~~ the ark of God upon a new cart ~~and brought it out of~~ the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart. 8 And David and all Israel played before God with all their might: even with songs, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. 9 And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen ⁵shook it. 10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put forth his hand to the ark: and there he died before God. 11 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: and he called that place ⁶Perez-uzza to this day. 12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God ~~home~~ to me? 13 So David removed not the ark unto him into the city of David,

¹ Heb. *lands*.² Or, *and with them to the priests*.³ Or, *is throned upon*.⁴ Or, *where the Name is called*. C 6⁵ Or, *were restive*.⁶ That is, *The breach of Uzza*.

but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. 14 And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months: and the LORD blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

XIV. 1 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, and masons and carpenters, to build him an house. 2 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, for his kingdom was exalted on high, for his people Israel's sake. 3 And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters. 4 And these are the names of the children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, 5 and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpelet, 6 and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 7 and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

¹ In 2 Sam. v. 16, *Eliada*.

8 And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David: and David heard of it, and went out against them. 9 Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the valley of Rephaim. 10 And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand. 11 So they came up to Baal-perazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken forth upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Baal-²perazim. 12 And they left their gods there; and David gave commandment, and they were burned with fire. 13 And the Philistines yet again made a raid in the valley. 14 And David inquired

² That is, *A place of breaches*.
(2 Sam. v. 20.)

again of God; and God said unto him, Thou shalt not go up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the ¹mulberry trees. 15 And it shall be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go forth to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines. 16 And David did as God had commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from ²Gibeon even to Gezer. 17 And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations. 1 And *David* made him houses in the city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

¹ Heb. *Bacaim*;
perhaps, *bal-*
sam trees.

² In 2 Sam. v.
25, *Geba*.

2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever. 3 And David assembled all Israel to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it. 4 And David gathered together the sons of Aaron, and the Levites: 5 of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twenty: 6 of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty: 7 of the sons of Gershon; Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty: 8 of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred: 9 of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore: 10 of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve. 11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, 12 and said unto

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them, Ye are the heads of fathers' houses of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, unto *the place* that I have prepared for it. 13 For because ye *bare it* not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order. 14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel. 15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD. 16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren the singers, with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up the voice with joy. 17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; 18 and with them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the doorkeepers. 19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, *were appointed*, with cymbals of brass to sound aloud; 20 and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries set to Alamoth; 21 and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps set to the Sheminith, to lead. 22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over the ¹burden: he instructed about the burden, because he was skilful. 23 And Berechiah and

¹ Or, *sung*.
Heb. *lifting up*.

Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark. 24 And Shebaniah, and Joshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Ōbed-edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark. 25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-edom with joy: 26 and it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they sacrificed seven bullocks and seven rams. 27 And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the ¹burden with the ¹ Or, *song*. singers: and David had upon him an ephod of linen. 28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding aloud with psalteries and harps. 29 And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and she saw king David dancing and playing, and she despised him in her heart. 1 And they brought in the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. 2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. 3 And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a piece of flesh, and a cake of raisins. 4 And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD,

and to celebrate and to thank and to praise the LORD, the God of Israel : 5 Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, with psalteries and with harps; and Asaph with cymbals, sounding aloud; 6 and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually, before the ark of the covenant of God.

¹ Or, *make it the chief work.*
² Or, *first.*

7 Then on that day did David ¹ordain ²at the beginning to give thanks unto the LORD, by the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

³ Ps. cv. 1—15.

8 ³O give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name,

Make known his doings among the peoples.

⁴ Or, *meditate.*

9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him,

⁴Talk ye of all his marvellous works.

10 Glory ye in his holy name :

Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

11 Seek after the LORD, and his strength :

Seek ye his face evermore.

12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done ;

His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth ;

13 O ye seed of Israel his servant,

Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

14 He is the LORD our God ;

His judgments are in all the earth.

15 Remember his covenant for ever ;

The word which he commanded to a thousand generations ;

16 *The covenant* which he made with Abraham,

And his oath unto Isaac ;

- 17 And hath confirmed the same to Jacob
for a statute,
To Israel for an everlasting covenant,
18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of
Canaan,
The lot of your inheritance;
19 When ye were but a few men in number,
Yea, very few, and sojourners in it.
20 And they went about from nation to nation,
And from one kingdom to another people;
21 He suffered no man to do them wrong:
Yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;
22 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones,
And do my prophets no harm.

- 23 ¹Sing unto the LORD, all the earth;
Publish his salvation from day to day.
24 Tell out his glory among the nations;
His marvellous works among all the peoples.
25 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be
praised:
He also is to be feared above all gods.
26 For all the gods of the peoples are
idols:
But the LORD made the heavens.
27 Honour and majesty are in his presence;
Strength and gladness are in his place.
28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the
peoples,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto
his name:
Bring an offering, and come before him:
Worship the LORD ²in the beauty of
holiness.

¹ Ps. xcvi. 1—
13.

² Or, *in holy
array*.

- 30 Tremble before him, all the earth :
The world also shall be stablished, that it
cannot be moved.
- 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the
earth rejoice :
And let them say among the nations,
The LORD reigneth.
- 32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof :
Let the field rejoice, and all that is
therein.
- 33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing
for joy, before the LORD ;
For he cometh to judge the earth.
- ¹ Ps. cvi. 1. 34 ¹O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is
good ;
For his mercy endureth for ever.
- ² Ps. cvi. 47, 48. 35 ²And say ye, Save us, O God of our sal-
vation,
And gather us together and deliver us
from the nations,
To give thanks unto thy holy name,
And to triumph in thy praise.
- 36 Blessed be the LORD the God of Israel,
From everlasting even to everlasting.
And all the people said, Amen, and praised
the LORD.

37 So he left there, before the ark of the
covenant of the LORD, Asaph and his brethren,
to minister before the ark continually, as every
day's work required : 38 and Obed-edom with
their brethren, threescore and eight ; Obed-
edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be
doorkeepers : 39 and Zadok the priest, and his
brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the
LORD in the high place that was at Gibeon,
40 to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon
the altar of burnt offering continually morning
and evening, even according to all that is writ-

ten in the law of the LORD, which he gave in commandment unto Israel; 41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever; 42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should sound aloud, and with the ¹instruments for God's song: and the sons of Jeduthun to be at the gate. 43 And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

¹ See 2 Chr. xxix. 27.

XVII. 1 And ²it came to pass, when David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD *dwelleth* under curtains. 2 And Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God *is* with thee. 3 And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, 4 Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in: 5 for I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but ³have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to another*. 6 Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedar? 7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel: 8 and I have been with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee; and I ⁴will make thee a name like the name of the great ones

² 2 Sam. vii.

³ Heb. *have been*.

⁴ Or, *have made*.

¹ Or, *have appointed.*
² Or, *have planted.*

³ Or, *have subdued.*

that are in the earth. 9 And I ¹will appoint a place for my people Israel, and ²will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of iniquity waste them any more, as at the first, 10 and as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I ³will subdue all thine enemies. Moreover I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house. 11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days be fulfilled that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12 He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever. 13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee: 14 but I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore. 15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

16 Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me thus far? 17 And this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God. 18 What can David *speake* more to thee concerning the honour done to thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. 19 O LORD, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou wrought all this greatness, making known all *these* great things. 20 O LORD, there is none like thee, neither is there

any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 21 And who is like thy people Israel, one nation in the earth, whom God went to redeem unto himself for a people, to make thee a name by great and terrible things, in driving out nations from before thy people, which thou redeemedst out of Egypt?

22 For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, O LORD, art become their God. 23 And now, O LORD, let the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established

for ever, and do as thou hast said. 24 ¹Yea, let it be established, and let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and the house of David thy servant is established before thee.

25 For thou, O my God, ²hast revealed to thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore hath thy servant taken *heart* to pray before thee. 26 And now, O LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: 27 and now it hath pleased thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O LORD, hast blessed, and it is blessed for ever.

¹ Or, *and let thy name be established and magnified, &c.*

² Heb. *uncovered the ear of thy servant.*

XVIII. 1 And after this ³it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines. 2 And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought presents. 3 And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah ⁴unto Hamath, as he went to stablish his dominion by the river Euphrates. 4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot *horses*, but reserved of them *for* an

³ 2 Sam. viii. 1, &c.

⁴ Or, *by.*

hundred chariots. 5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David smote of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. 6 Then David put *garrisons* in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought presents. Thus the LORD gave victory to David whithersoever he went. 7 And David took the ¹shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 Likewise from Tibhath, and from Cun, cities of Hadarezer, David took very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brasen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass. 9 Now when Tou king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah; 10 he sent Hadoram his son to king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; for Hadarezer had wars with Tou; and *with him* all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass. 11 These also did king David dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

² Heb. *Abshai*. 12 Moreover ²Abishai the son of Zeruiah smote of the Edomites in the valley of salt eighteen thousand. 13 And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became servants to David. Thus the LORD gave victory to David whithersoever he went. 14 And David reigned over all Israel; and he executed judgment and justice unto all his people. 15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was ³recorder. 16 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abime-

¹ Or, *suits of armour*.

³ Or, *remembrancer*, or, *chronicler*.

lech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Shavsha was scribe; 17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

- XIX. 1 And ¹it came to pass after this, that Nahash ² 2 Sam. x. 1, &c.
the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. 2 And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. 3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overturn, and to spy out the land? 4 So Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 Then there went certain, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly dishonoured. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return. 6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Aram-maacah, and out of Zobah. 7 So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. 8 And when

David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. 9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the gate of the city: and the kings that were come were by themselves in the field.

¹ Heb. *the face of the battle was.*

10 Now when Joab saw that ¹the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians. 11 And the rest of the people he put under the hand of

² Heb. *Abshai.*

²Abishai his brother, and they set themselves in array against the children of Ammon. 12 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee. 13 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which is good in his sight. 14 So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him. 15 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem. 16 And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the river, with Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer at their head. 17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. 18 And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians *the men of* seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.

19 And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

XX. 1 And ¹it came to pass, at the time of the return of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And ²Joab smote Rabbah, and overthrew it. 2 ³And David took the crown of ⁴their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought forth the spoil of the city, exceeding much. 3 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and cut them with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 ⁵And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at ⁶Gezer with the Philistines; then Sibbecai the Hushathite slew Sippai, of the sons of ⁷the giant: and they were subdued. 5 And there was again war with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weavers' beam. 6 And there was again war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six *on each hand*, and six *on each foot*: and he also was born unto ⁸the giant. 7 And when he ⁹defied Israel, Jehonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. 8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

¹ See 2 Sam. xi. 1.

² See 2. Sam. xii. 26.

³ See 2 Sam. xii. 30, 31.
⁴ Or, *Malcam*.
See Zeph. i. 5.

⁵ See 2 Sam. xxi. 18—22.

⁶ In 2 Sam. xxi. 18, *Gob*. *Smote*

⁷ Heb. *Rapha*.

According to another reading, *the giants*. *Smote*
Heb. *Rephaim*.

⁸ Heb. *Rapha*.

⁹ Or, *re-proached*. *Smote*

XXI. 1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. 2 And David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know the number of them. 3 And Joab said, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel? 4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. 5 And Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword. 6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable ¹to Joab. 7 And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel. 8 And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing: but now, put away, I beseech thee, the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. 9 And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying, 10 Go and speak unto David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I ²offer thee three things: choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Choose what thou wilt; 12 either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, ³even the pestilence in the land, and the angel

¹ Heb. *with*.

² Heb. *stretch out unto*.

³ Or, *and*.

of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore consider what word I shall bring again to him that sent me. 13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very ¹great are his mercies: and let me not fall into the hand of man. 14 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. 15 And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was about to destroy, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the destroying angel, It is enough, stay now thine hand. Now the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of ²Ornan the Jebusite. 16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders *of Israel*, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. 17 And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done very wickedly; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be against me, and against my father's house; but not against thy people, that they should be plagued. 18 Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. 19 And David went up ³at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD. 20 And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons that were with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. 21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and

¹ Or, *many*.

thy,
² See 2 Sam. xxiv. 16.

³ Or, *according to the word*.

went out of the threshingfloor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. 22 Then David said to Ornan, Give me the place of this threshingfloor, that I may build thereon an altar unto the LORD: for the full price shalt thou give it me: that the plague may be stayed from the people. 23 And Ornan said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: lo, I give thee the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal offering; I give it all. 24 And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost. 25 So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. 26 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering. 27 And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.

28 At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. 29 For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon. 30 But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of
XXII. the sword of the angel of the LORD. 1 Then David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel. 2 And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to

build the house of God. 3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the couplings; and brass in abundance without weight; 4 and cedar trees without number: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought cedar trees in abundance to David. 5 And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD the God of Israel. 7 And David said to Solomon ¹his son, As for me, it was in my heart to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God. ²But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight: 9 behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be ²Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days: 10 he shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever. 11 Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken concerning thee. 12 Only the LORD give thee discretion and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel; that so thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God. 13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou

¹ According to another reading, *My son, as for me, &c.*

² That is, *Peac. ful.*

* Or, *poverty*.

observe to do the statutes and the judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel : be strong, and of good courage ; fear not, neither be dismayed. 14 Now, behold, in my ¹affliction I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver ; and of brass and iron without weight ; for it is in abundance : timber also and stone have I prepared ; and thou mayest add thereto. 15 Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. 16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise *therefore*, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee. 17 David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*, 18 Is not the LORD your God with you ? and hath he not given you rest on every side ? for he hath delivered the inhabitants of the land into mine hand ; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people. 19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek after the LORD your God ; arise *therefore*, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

XXIII. 1 Now David was old and full of days ; and he made Solomon his son king over Israel. 2 And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. 3 And the Levites were numbered from thirty years old and upward : and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand. 4 Of these, twenty and four thousand were to oversee the work of the house of the

LORD; and six thousand were officers and judges: 5 and four thousand were porters; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, *said David*, to praise therewith. 6 And David divided them into ¹courses according to the sons of Levi, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 7 Of the Gershonites, ²Laadan, and Shimei. 8 The sons of Laadan; Jehiel the chief, and Zetham, and Joel, three. 9 The sons of Shimei; Shelomoth, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the heads of the fathers' *houses* of Laadan. 10 And the sons of Shimei, Jahath, ³Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei. 11 And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, a fathers' house. 12 The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. 13 The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, ⁴that he should sanctify the most holy ⁵things, he and his sons, for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, for ever. 14 But as for Moses the man of God, his sons were named among the tribe of Levi. 15 The sons of Moses, Gershom, and Eliezer. 16 The sons of Gershom, ⁶Shebuel the chief. 17 And the sons of Eliezer were, Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. 18 The sons of Izhar, ⁷Shelomith the chief. 19 The sons of Hebron, Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. 20 The sons of Uzziel, Micah the first, and Isshiah the second. 21 The sons of Merari, Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli, Eleazar and Kish. 22 And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters only:

¹ Heb. *divisions*.

² In ch. vi. 17, *Libni*.

³ In ver. 11, *Zizah*.

⁴ Or, *to sanctify him as most holy, &c.*

⁵ Or, *place*.

⁶ In ch. xxiv. 20, *Shubael*.

⁷ In ch. xxiv. 22, *Shelomoth*.

and their brethren the sons of Kish took them *to wife*. 23 The sons of Mushi, Mahli and Eder and Jeremoth, three. 24 These were the sons of Levi after their fathers' houses, even the heads of the fathers' *houses* of those of them that were counted, in the number of names by their polls, who did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from twenty years old and upward. 25 For David said, The LORD the God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, and he dwelleth in Jerusalem for ever : 26 and also concerning the Levites ; they shall no more carry the tabernacle and all the vessels of it for the service thereof. 27 For by the last words of David ¹the sons of Levi were numbered from twenty years old and upward : 28 because ²their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service of the house of God ; 29 for the shewbread also, and for the fine flour for a meal offering, whether of unleavened wafers, or of that which is baked in the pan, or of that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and size ; 30 and to stand every morning to thank and to praise the LORD, and likewise at even ; 31 and to offer all burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the set feasts, in number according to the ordinance concerning them, continually before the LORD : 32 and that they should keep the charge of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, for the service of the house of the LORD. 1 And the courses of the sons of Aaron *were these*. The sons of Aaron ; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Itha-

¹ Heb. *these were the numbers of the sons of Levi*.

² Heb. *their station was at the hand of the sons of Aaron*, Neh. xi. 24.

mar. 2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office. 3 And David divided them, *even* Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their ordering in their service. 4 And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and *thus* were they divided. Of the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen, heads of fathers' houses, and of the sons of Ithamar, according to their fathers' houses, eight. 5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for there were princes of the sanctuary, and princes of God, both of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. 6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, who was of the Levites, wrote them in the presence of the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the priests and Levites: one fathers' house being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar. 7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, 8 the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, 9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, 10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, 11 the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, 12 the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, 13 the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, 14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, 15 the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzesz, 16 the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, 17 the one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul, 18 the three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah. 19 This was the order-

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ing of them in their service, to come into the house of the LORD according to the ordinance *given* unto them by the hand of Aaron their father, as the LORD the God of Israel had commanded him. 20 And of the rest of the sons of Levi: Of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of ¹Shubael, Jehdeiah. 21 Of Rehabiah; of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the chief. 22 Of the Izharites, ²Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath. 23 And the sons of *Hebron*; Jeriah *the chief*, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. 24 The sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shamir. 25 The brother of Micah was Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah. 26 The sons of Merari, Mahli and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno. 27 The sons of Merari; of Jaaziah *came* Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. 28 Of Mahli *came* Eleazar, who had no sons. 29 Of Kish; the sons of Kish, Jerahmeel. 30 And the sons of Mushi, Mahli and Eder and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after their fathers' houses. 31 These likewise cast lots even as their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the priests and of the Levites; the fathers' *houses* of the chief even as those of his younger brother. 1 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated for the service the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of them that did the work according to their service was: 2 Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and ³Asharelah, the sons of Asaph; under the hand of Asaph, who prophesied ⁴according to the order of the

¹ In ch. xxiii. 16, *Shebuel*.

² In ch. xxiii. 18, *Shelomith*.

XXV.

³ In ver. 14, *fesharelah*.

⁴ Heb. *by the hands of the king*.

king. 3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and ¹Zeri, and Jeshaiiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, ²six; under the hands of their father Jeduthun upon the harp, who prophesied, to give thanks and to praise the LORD. 4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, ³Uzziel, ⁴Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth: 5 all these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. 6 All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God; ⁵while Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the order of the king. 7 And the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, even all that were skilful, was two hundred fourscore and eight. 8 And they cast lots ⁶for the wards, all alike, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar. 9 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah; he and his brethren and sons were twelve: 10 the third to Zaccur, his sons, and his brethren, twelve: 11 the fourth to Izri, his sons, and his brethren, twelve: 12 the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons, and his brethren, twelve: 13 the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons, and his brethren, twelve: 14 the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons, and his brethren, twelve: 15 the eighth to Jeshaiiah, his sons, and his brethren, twelve: 16 the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons, and his brethren, twelve: 17 the tenth to Shimei, his sons, and his brethren, twelve: 18 the eleventh to Azareel, his sons, and his brethren, twelve: 19 the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons, and

¹ In ver. 11, *Izri*.

² With Shimei mentioned in ver. 17.

³ In ver. 18, *Azareel*.

⁴ In ver. 20, *Shubael*.

⁵ Or, *according to the order of the king, and of Asaph, &c.*

⁶ Or, *ward against ward, as well, &c.*

his brethren, twelve : 20 for the thirteenth Shubael, his sons, and his brethren, twelve : 21 for the fourteenth Mattithiah, his sons, and his brethren, twelve : 22 for the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons, and his brethren, twelve : 23 for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons, and his brethren, twelve : 24 for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons, and his brethren, twelve : 25 for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons, and his brethren, twelve : 26 for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons, and his brethren, twelve : 27 for the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons, and his brethren, twelve : 28 for the one and twentieth to Hothir, his sons, and his brethren, twelve : 29 for the two and twentieth to Giddalti, his sons, and his brethren, twelve : 30 for the three and twentieth to Mahazioth, his sons, and his brethren, twelve :

XXVI. 31 for the four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, his sons, and his brethren, twelve. 1 Concerning the courses of the porters: Of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of ¹Asaph. 2 And Meshelemiah had sons; Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, 3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh. 4 And Obed-edom had sons; Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, 5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peul-lethai the eighth: for God blessed him. 6 Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled over the house of their father: for they were mighty men of valour. 7 The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren were valiant men, Elihu, and Semachiah. 8 All these were of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men, of strength for service;

¹ In ix. 19,
Ebiasaph.

threescore and two of Obed-edom. 9 And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, valiant men, eighteen. 10 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Shimri the chief, (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him chief;) 11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen. 12 Of these were the courses of the porters, even of the chief men, having wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD. 13 And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to their fathers' houses, for every gate. 14 And the lot eastward fell to ¹Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a discreet counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. 15 To Obed-edom southward; and to his sons the Storehouse. 16 To Shuppim and Hosah westward, by the gate of ²Shallecheth, at the causeway that goeth up, ward against ward. 17 Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and for the Storehouse two and two. 18 For Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar. 19 These were the courses of the porters; of the sons of the Korahites, and of the sons of Merari. 20 ³And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the ⁴dedicated things. 21 The sons of ⁵Laadan; the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Laadan, the heads of the fathers' houses belonging to Laadan the Gershonite; ⁶Jehieli. 22 The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, over the treasures of the house of the LORD. 23 Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the Uzzielites: 24 and Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler over the treasures.

¹ In ver. 1,
Meshelemiah.

² That is,
Casting forth.

³ According to
the LXX.,
*And the Levites
their brethren
were over, &c.*

⁴ Heb. *holy
things.*

⁵ In ch. vi. 17,
Libni.

⁶ In ch. xxiii.
8, *Jehiel.*

25 And his brethren, of Eliezer *came* Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son.

26 This Shelomoth and his brethren were over all the treasuries of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the heads of the fathers' *houses*, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated. 27 ¹Out of the spoil won in battles did they dedicate to repair the house of the LORD.

¹ Heb. *Out of the battles and the spoil.*

28 And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated; whatsoever any had dedicated, it was under the hand of ²Shelomoth, and of his brethren. 29 Of the

² Heb. *Shelomith.*

Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. 30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, had the oversight of Israel on this side Jordan westward; for all the business of the LORD, and for the service of the king. 31 Of the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even of the Hebronites, according to their generations by fathers' *houses*. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at Jazer of Gilead. 32 And his brethren, men of valour, were two thousand and seven hundred heads of fathers' *houses*, whom king David made overseers over the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of the Manassites, for every matter pertaining to God, and for the affairs of

XXVII. the king. 1 Now the children of Israel after their number, *to wit*, the heads of fathers' *houses* and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and their officers that served the king, in any matter of the courses which came in and went

out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course were twenty and four thousand. 2 Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 3 *He was* of the children of Perez, the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month. 4 And over the course of the second month was ¹Dodai the Ahohite, and his course; and Mikloth the ruler: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 5 The third captain of the host for the third month was Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the ²priest, chief: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 6 This is that Benaiah, who was a mighty man of the thirty, and over the thirty: and *of* his course was Ammizabad his son. 7 The fourth *captain* for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 9 The sixth *captain* for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 10 The seventh *captain* for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 11 The eighth *captain* for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 12 The ninth *captain* for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 13 The tenth *captain* for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zerahites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 14 The eleventh *captain* for the eleventh month was

¹ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 9, *Dodo*.

² Or, *chief minister*. See 2 Sam. viii. 18.

Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 15 The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month was ¹Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 16 Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri the ruler: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maacah: 17 of Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of Aaron, Zadok; 18 of Judah, ²Elihu, one of the brethren of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael: 19 of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jeremoth the son of Azriel: 20 of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah: 21 of the half *tribe* of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner: 22 of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. These were the princes of the tribes of Israel. 23 But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the LORD had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of heaven. 24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, and finished not; and there came wrath upon Israel in this matter; neither was the number put into the account in the chronicles of king David. 25 And over the king's treasuries was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the ³storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jehonathan the son of Uzziah: 26 and over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub: 27 and over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite: and over the increase of the vineyards for the stores of wine was Zabdi the Shiphmite: 28 and over the olive trees and the sycomore trees that

¹ In ch. xi.
30, *Heldai*.

² In 1 Sam.
xvi. 6, *Eliab*.

³ Or,
treasuries.

were in the lowland was Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the stores of oil was Joash: 29 and over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai: 30 and over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite: 31 and over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagerite. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's. 32 Also Jehonathan David's ¹uncle was a counsellor, a wise man and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons: 33 and Ahithophel was the king's counsellor: and Hushai the Archite was the king's friend: 34 and after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the captain of the king's host was Joab.

¹ Or, *brother's son.*

XXVIII.

1 And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that served the king by course, and the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, and the rulers over all the substance and ²possessions of the king and of his sons, with the ³officers, and the mighty men, even all the mighty men of valour, unto Jerusalem. 2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, it was in my heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God; and I had made ready for the building. 3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou art a man of war, and hast shed blood. 4 Howbeit the LORD the God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen

² Or, *cattle.*

³ Or, *eunuchs.*

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¹ Or, *prince*.

Judah to be the ¹chief ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel: 5 and of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. 6 And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. 7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day. 8 Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever. 9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. 10 Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch *of the temple*, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasures thereof, and of the upper rooms thereof, and of the inner chambers thereof, and of the ²place of the mercy seat: 12 and the pattern of all that he had ³by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasures of the house of God,

² Heb. *house*.

³ Or, *in his spirit*.

and of the treasures of the dedicated things : 13 also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD : 14 of gold by weight for *vessels* of gold, for all vessels of every kind of service ; of *silver* for all vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels of every kind of service : 15 by weight also for the candlesticks of gold, and for ~~the~~ ^{the} lamps thereof, of gold, by weight for every candlestick and for the lamps thereof : and for the candlesticks of silver, *silver* by weight for *every* candlestick and for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick : 16 and the gold by weight for the tables of shewbread, for every table ; and silver for the tables of silver : 17 and the fleshhooks, and the basons, and the cups, of pure gold : and for the golden bowls by weight for every bowl ; and for the silver bowls by weight for every bowl : 18 and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight : and gold for the pattern of the chariot, *even* the cherubim, that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD. 19 All this, *said David*, ¹the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern. 20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it : fear not, nor be dismayed : for the LORD God, even my God, is with thee ; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. 21 And, behold, there are the courses of the priests and the Levites, for all the service of the house of God : and there shall be with thee in all manner of work every willing skilful man, for any manner of service :

¹ Or, *was I made to understand in writing from the hand of the Lord, even, &c.*

XXIX. also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment. 1 And David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God. 2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for *things of* gold, and the silver for *things of* silver, and the brass for *things of* brass, the iron for *things of* iron, and wood for *things of* wood; onyx stones, and *stones* to be set, stones for inlaid work, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3 Moreover also, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have a treasure of mine own, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house; 4 even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal: 5 of gold for *things of* gold, and of silver for *things of* silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing¹ to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD? 6 Then the princes of the fathers' *houses*, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly; 7 and they gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand darics, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and of iron an hundred thousand talents. 8 And they with whom *precious* stones were found gave them to the treasure

¹ Heb. *to fill his hand.*

of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. 10 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. 11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. 14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should ¹be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and ²of thine own have we given thee. 15 For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none ³abiding. 16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name *cometh* of thine hand, and is all thine own. 17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. 18 O LORD the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the

¹ Heb. *retain strength.*

² Heb. *of thine hand.*

³ Heb. *hope.*

thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: 19 and give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision. 20 And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD the God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king. 21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings; and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel: 22 and did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto the LORD to be ¹chief ruler, and Zadok to be priest. 23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. 24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, ²submitted themselves unto Solomon the king. 25 And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel. 26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. 27 And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three *years* reigned he in Jerusalem. 28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son

¹ Or, *prince*.

² Heb. *gave the hand under Solomon*.

reigned in his stead. 29 Now the ¹acts of ¹ Heb. *words*.
David the king, first and last, behold, they
are written in the ¹history of Samuel the seer,
and in the history of Nathan the prophet, and
in the history of Gad the seer, 30 with all his
reign and his might, and the times that went
over him, and over Israel, and over all the
kingdoms of the countries.

THE SECOND BOOK
OF
THE CHRONICLES.

I. 1 And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly. 2 Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' *houses*. 3 So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the ¹tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness. 4 But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to *the place* that David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. 5 Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, ²was there before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it. 6 And Solomon ³went up thither to the brasen altar before the LORD, which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.

¹ Or, *tent of meeting*.

² Or, as otherwise read, *he put*.

³ Or, *offered thereupon, &c., yea, he offered*.

7 In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give

thee. 8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great kindness unto David my father, and hast made me king in his stead. 9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. 10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? 11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of them that hate thee, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: 12 wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like. 13 So Solomon came *from his journey* to the high place that was at Gibeon, from before the tent of meeting, unto Jerusalem; and he reigned over Israel.

14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 15 And the king made silver and gold to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 16 And the traffic in horses which Solomon had was from Egypt; the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price. 17 And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six

hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty : and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means. I Now Solo-

Chap. i. 18 in Heb.

mon purposed to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

Chap. ii. 1 in Heb.

2 And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

¹ In 1 Kin. v. 1, *Hiram*.

3 And Solomon sent to ¹Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me*.

4 Behold, I build an house for the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him incense of sweet spices, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This is *an ordinance* for ever to Israel.

² Heb. *retain-eth strength*.

5 And the house which I build is great : for great is our God above all gods. 6 But who ²is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain him ? who am I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn incense before him ?

³ Heb. *to grave gravings*.

7 Now therefore send me a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill ³to grave, to be with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide.

⁴ Or, *cypress*.
⁵ In 1 Kin. x. 11, *almug trees*.

8 Send me also cedar trees, ⁴*fir trees*, and ⁵*algum trees*, out of Lebanon : for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon ; and, behold, my servants shall be with thy servants, 9 even to

prepare me timber in abundance : for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderful great. 10 And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand ¹measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand ¹measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil. 11 Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD loveth his people, he hath made thee king over them. 12 Hiram said moreover, Blessed be the LORD the God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with discretion and understanding, that should build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom. 13 And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, ²of Hiram my father's, 14 the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson ; also to grave any manner of graving, and to devise any device which shall be put to him, to be with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father. 15 Now therefore the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants : 16 and we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need : and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to ³Joppa ; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem. 17 And Solomon numbered all the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them ; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand

¹ Heb. *cors*.

² Or, *even Hiram my father*.
See iv. 16.

³ Heb. *Japho*.

and three thousand and six hundred. 18 And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand to be hewers in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people awork. 1 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where *the LORD* appeared unto David his father, which he made ready ¹in the place that David had appointed in the threshingfloor of ²Ornan the Jebusite. 2 And he began to build in the second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign. 3 Now these are the foundations which Solomon laid for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. 4 And the porch that was before *the house*, the length of it according to the breadth of the house was twenty cubits, and the height an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold. 5 And the greater house he cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and wrought thereon palm trees and chains. 6 And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim. 7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the thresholds, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubim on the walls. 8 And he made the most holy house, the length thereof according to the breadth of the house was twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents. 9 And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold. 10 And in the most holy house he made two cherubim of

¹ Heb. *in the place of David.*

² In 2 Sam. xxiv. 18, *Araunah.*

image work; and they overlaid them with gold.

11 And the wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: the wing of the one *cherub* was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was *likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. 12 And the wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the other cherub. 13 The wings of these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were ¹toward the house. 14 And ²Or, *inward*.

he made the vail of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubim thereon. 15 Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapter that was on the top of each of them was five cubits. 16 And he made chains in the oracle, and put *them* on the tops of the pillars; and he made an hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains. 17 And he set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand ²Jachin, and the name of that on the left ³Boaz.

IV. 1 Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof. 2 Also he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. 3 And under it was the similitude of ⁴oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. The ⁴oxen were cast in two rows, when it was cast. 4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking

² That is, *He shall establish.*

³ That is, *In it is strength.*

⁴ In 1 Kin. vii. 24, *knops.*

toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east : and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward. 5 And the thickness of it was an handbreadth, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily ; it received and held three thousand baths. 6 He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them ; such things as belonged to the burnt offering they washed in them : but the sea was for the priests to wash in. 7 And he made the ten candlesticks of gold according to the ordinance concerning them ; and he set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. 8 He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made an hundred basons of gold. 9 Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass. 10 And he set the sea on the right side *of the house* eastward, over against the south. 11 And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing the work that he wrought for king Solomon in the house of God ; 12 the two pillars, and the bowls, and the two chapiters which were on the top of the pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which were on the top of the pillars ; 13 and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks ; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which were upon the pillars. 14 He made also the bases, and the lavers made he upon the bases ; 15 one

sea, and the twelve oxen under it. 16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all the vessels thereof, did ¹Huram his father make for king Solomon for the house of the LORD of bright brass. 17 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.

18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass

²could not be found out. 19 And Solomon made

all the vessels that were in the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon was the shewbread; 20 and the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn according to the ordinance before the oracle, of pure gold; 21 and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold, and that perfect gold; 22 and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the firepans, of pure gold: and as for the entry of the house, the inner doors of the most holy place, and the doors of the house,

V. even of the temple, were of gold. 1 So was ended all the work that Solomon wrought for the house of the LORD: and Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels, put he among the treasures of the house of God. 2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' *houses* of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. 3 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast, which was *in* the seventh month. 4 And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark. 5 And they brought up the ark, and the tent of meeting, and all the

¹ See chap. ii. 13.

² Or, *was not searched out.*

holy vessels that were in the tent; these did the priests the Levites bring up. 6 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him were before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude. 7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim: 8 for the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above. 9 And ¹the staves were long, so that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without: and there it is unto this day. 10 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put *there* at Horeb, ²when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. 11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present had sanctified themselves, their courses could not be kept: 12 also the Levites which were the singers, all of them, even Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brethren, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:) 13 it came even to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and gave thanks unto the LORD, *saying*, For he is good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even

¹ Or, *they drew out the staves, so that, &c.*

² Or, *where.*

the house of the LORD ; 14 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud : for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God. 1 Then said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 2 But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thee to dwell in for ever. 3 And the king turned his face, and blessed all the congregation of Israel : and all the congregation of Israel stood. 4 And he said, Blessed be the LORD the God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father and hath with his hands fulfilled it, saying, 5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there ; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel : 6 but I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there ; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel. 7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD the God of Israel. 8 But the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart : 9 notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house ; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. 10 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake : for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD the God of Israel. 11 And there have I set the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, which he made with the children of Israel. 12 And he stood before

the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands : 13 for Solomon had made a brasen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven ; 14 and he said, O LORD the God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth ; which keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants, that walk before thee with all their heart : 15 thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou didst promise him ; for thou spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day. 16 Now therefore, O LORD the God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel ; yet so that thy children take heed to their way, to walk in my law as thou hast walked before me. 17 Now therefore, O LORD the God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David. 18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth ? behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee ; how much less this house which I have built ! 19 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee : 20 that thine eyes may be open toward this house day and night, toward the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there ; to hearken unto the prayer which thy

servant shall pray toward this place. 21 And hearken thou to the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive. 22 If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and he come and swear before thine altar in this house; 23 then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, requiting the wicked, to bring his way upon his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. 24 And if thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall turn again and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; 25 then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers. 26 When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them; 27 then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance. 28 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locust, or caterpillar; if their enemies besiege them in the land of their ¹cities; whatsoever plague or whatsoever sickness there be: 29 *then* what prayer *or* what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, which shall

¹ Heb. *gates*.

know every man his own plague and his own sorrow, and shall spread forth his hands in this house: 30 then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men :) 31 that they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. 32 Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but cometh from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; when they shall come and pray toward this house; 33 then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that ¹this house which I have built is called by thy name. 34 If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; 35 then hear thou from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their ²cause. 36 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before the enemy, and ³they carry them away captive unto a land far off or near; 37 yet if they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn, and make supplication unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done perversely, and have dealt wickedly; 38 if they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity,

¹ Or, *thy name is called upon this house.*

² Or, *right.*

³ Heb. *they that take them captive carry them away.*

whither they have carried them captive, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: 39 then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their ¹cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee. 40 Now, O my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place. 41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy rest, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in ²goodness. 42 O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the ³mercies of David thy servant.

¹ Or, *right*.² Or, *good*.³ Or, *good deeds*.

VII. 1 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. 2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house. 3 And all the children of Israel beheld when the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD was upon the house; and they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and gave thanks unto the LORD, *saying*, For he is good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever. 4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before the LORD. 5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. 6 And the priests stood, *waiting* on their offices; the Levites also

with instruments of music of the LORD, which David the king had made to give thanks unto the LORD, for his mercy *endureth* for ever, when David praised by their ministry: and the priests sounded trumpets before them; and all Israel stood. 7 Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered the burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat. 8 So Solomon held the feast at that time seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the brook of Egypt. 9 And on the eighth day they held a ¹solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. 10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away unto their tents, joyful and glad in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

¹ Or, *closing festival.*

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected. 12 And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. 13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14 if my people, ²which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven,

² Heb. *upon whom my name is called.*

and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place. 16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. 17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt observe my statutes and my judgments; 18 then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel. 19 But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; 20 then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 21 And this house, which is so high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house? 22 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD the God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

VIII. 1 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house, 2 that the cities which Hiram had given to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. 3 And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah,

and prevailed against it. 4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath. 5 Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars; 6 and Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. 7 As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of Israel; 8 of their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, of them did Solomon raise a levy *of bondservice* unto this day. 9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his horsemen. 10 And these were the chief officers of king Solomon, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people. 11 And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because ¹the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come. 12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch, 13 even as the duty of every day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles. 14 And he ap-

¹ Heb. *they are*.

pointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise, and to minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded. 15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures. 16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was perfected.

17 Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, on the sea shore in the land of Edom. 18 And Hiram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they came with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and fetched from thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

IX. 1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great train, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. 2 And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not. 3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, 4 and the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the ¹attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of

¹ Heb.
standing.

the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.
5 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thine¹ acts, and of thy wisdom: 6 howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: thou exceedest the fame that I heard. 7 Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom. 8 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, to be king for the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice. 9 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and spices in great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. 10 And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought alnum trees and precious stones. 11 And the king made of the alnum trees ¹terraces for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, and harps and psalteries for the singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah. 12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold; 14 beside that which the chapmen and merchants brought: and all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solo-

¹ Or, stairs.

mon. 15 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold : six hundred *shekels* of beaten gold went to one target. 16 And *he made* three hundred shields of beaten gold : three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield : and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. 17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold : 18 and there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and stays on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the stays : 19 and twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps : there was not the like made in any kingdom. 20 And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold : silver was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. 21 For the king had ships that went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram : once every three years came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. 22 So king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. 23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart. 24 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. 25 And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen ; which he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 26 And he ruled over all the kings from the River even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. 27 And the king made

silver to be as stones in Jerusalem, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the low land, for abundance. 28 And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

¹ Heb. *words*.

29 Now the rest of the ¹acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the ¹history of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of ²Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat? 30 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. 31 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

² Heb. *Jedai*,
or, *Jedo*.

- X. 1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king. 2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he was in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of king Solomon,) that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. 3 And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all Israel came, and they spake to Rehoboam, saying, 4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee. 5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed. 6 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people? 7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever. 8 But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave

him, and took counsel with the young men that were grown up with him, that stood before him. 9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us? 10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins. 11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions. 12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day. 13 And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, 14 and spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, ¹My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions. 15 So the king hearkened not unto the people: for it was a thing brought about of God, that the LORD might establish his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16 And when all Israel saw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David?

And we have none inheritance in the son of Jesse:

Every man to your tents, O Israel:

Now see to thine own house, David.

¹ According to many ancient MSS., *I will make your yoke heavy, and I will, &c.*

So all Israel departed unto their tents. 17 But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that was over the levy; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

- XI. 1 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. 2 But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 3 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, 4 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is of me. So they hearkened unto the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam. 5 And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah. 6 He built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, 7 and Beth-zur, and Soco, and Adullam, 8 and Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, 9 and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, 10 and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin, fenced cities. 11 And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and oil and wine. 12 And in every several city *he put* shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong. And Judah and Benjamin belonged to him. 13 And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel

resorted to him out of all their border. 14 For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons cast them off, that they should not execute the priest's office unto the LORD: 15 and he appointed him priests for the high places, and for the ¹he goats, and for the calves which he had made. 16 And after them, out of all the tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts to seek the LORD the God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD the God of their fathers. 17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for they walked three years in the way of David and Solomon. 18 And Rehoboam took him a wife, Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, ²and of Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse; 19 and she bare him sons; Jeush, and Shemariah, and Zaham. 20 And after her he took ³Maacah the daughter of Absalom; and she bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. 21 And Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines, and begat twenty and eight sons and threescore daughters.) 22 And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah to be chief, the ruler among his brethren: for *he was minded* to make him king. 23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his sons throughout all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he sought *for them* many wives.

¹ See Lev. xvii. 7.

² Or, and Abihail.

³ In ch. xiii. 2, *Micaiah the daughter of Uriel.*

XII. 1 And it came to pass, when the kingdom of Rehoboam was established, and he was strong, that he forsook the law of the LORD, and all

Israel with him. 2 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had trespassed against the LORD, 3 with twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen : and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt ; the Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians. 4 And he took the fenced cities which pertained to Judah, and came even unto Jerusalem. 5 Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have left me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak. 6 So the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves ; and they said, The LORD is righteous. 7 And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves ; I will not destroy them : but I will grant them ¹some deliverance, and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. 8 Nevertheless they shall be his servants ; that they may know my service and the service of the kingdoms of the countries. 9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house ; he took all away : he took away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 10 And king Rehoboam made instead of them shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, that kept the door of the king's house. 11 And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and bare them, and brought them back into the

¹ Or, for a little while.

guard chamber. 12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether: and moreover in Judah were good things *found*. 13 So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.

14 And he did evil, because he ¹prepared not his heart to seek the LORD. 15 Now the ²acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the ²histories of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer, in the genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. 16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

XIII.

1 In the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah. 2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was ³Micaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. 3 And Abijah joined battle with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: and Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, who were mighty men of valour. 4 And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam and all Israel; 5 ought ye not to know that the LORD the God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? 6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of

¹ Or, *set*.² Heb. *words*.³ See ch. xi. 20.

David, rose up, and rebelled against his lord.
7 And there were gathered unto him vain men, sons of Belial, which strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them. 8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods. 9 Have ye not driven out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the peoples of *other* lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of *them that are* no gods. 10 But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and we have priests, which minister unto the LORD, the sons of Aaron, with the Levites in their work: 11 and they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt offerings and sweet incense: the shewbread also *set they* in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him. 12 And, behold, God is with us at our head, and his priests with the trumpets for the alarm to sound an alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight not against the LORD the God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper. 13 But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment was behind them. 14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind them: and they cried unto the LORD,

and the priests sounded with the trumpets. 15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout : and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. 16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah : and God delivered them into their hand. 17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter : so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. 18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD the God of their fathers. 19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephron with the towns thereof. 20 Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah : and the LORD smote him, and he died. 21 But Abijah waxed mighty, and took unto himself fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters. 22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the commentary of the prophet Iddo.

- XIV. 1 ¹So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David ; and Asa his son reigned in his stead : in his days the land was quiet ten years. 2 ²And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God : 3 for he took away the strange altars, and the high places, and brake down the pillars, and cut down the Asherim ; 4 and commanded Judah to seek the LORD the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. 5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun images : and the kingdom was quiet before him. 6 And he built

¹ ch. xiii. 23
in Heb.

² ch. xiv. 1 in
Heb.

fenced cities in Judah : for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years ; because the LORD had given him rest. 7 For he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars ; the land is yet before us, because we have sought the LORD our God ; we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side, so they built and prospered. 8 And Asa had an army that bare bucklers and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand ; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand : all these were mighty men of valour. 9 And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots ; and he came unto Mareshah. 10 Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. 11 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, ¹there is none like thee to help, ²whether with many, or with them that have no power : help us, O LORD our God ; for we rest on thee, and in thy name are we come against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God ; let not man ³prevail against thee. 12 So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah ; and the Ethiopians fled. 13 And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar : and there fell of the Ethiopians ⁴so many that they could not recover themselves ; for they were ⁵destroyed before the LORD, and before his host ; and they carried away very much booty. 14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar ; for the fear of the LORD was upon them : and they spoiled all the cities ; for there was much spoil in them. 15 They smote also

¹ Or, *there is no difference with thee.*

² Or, *between the strong and them that have no power.*

³ Or, *be any restraint unto thee.*

⁴ Or, *so that none remained alive.*

⁵ Heb. *broken.*

the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep in abundance and camels, and returned to Jerusalem.

- XV. 1 And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded : 2 and he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin ; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him ; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you ; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. 3 Now Israel for long seasons hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law : 4 but when in their distress they turned unto the LORD the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. 5 And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the lands. 6 And they were broken in pieces nation against nation, and city against city : for God did vex them with all adversity. 7 Be ye therefore strong, and let not your hands be slack : for your work shall be rewarded. 8 And when Asa heard these words, even the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim ; and he renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD. 9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and them that sojourned with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon : for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. 10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. 11 And they sacrificed unto the LORD in that

day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. 12 And they entered into the covenant to seek the LORD the God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; 13 and that whosoever would not seek the LORD the God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. 14 And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. 15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about. 16 And also Maacah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an ~~abominable~~ image for Asherah: and Asa cut down her image, and made dust of it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. 17 But the high places were not removed out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was ¹perfect all his days. 18 And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. 19 And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

XVI. 1 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at ²Damascus, saying, 3 There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father:

¹ Or, *whole*.
² Heb.
Darmasek.

behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. 4 And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the ¹store cities of Naphtali. 5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease. 6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah. 7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and hast not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. 8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge host, with chariots and horsemen exceeding many? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. 9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly; for from henceforth thou shalt have wars. 10 Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in ²the prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time. 11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet; his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. 13 And

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¹ Heb. *store-houses of the cities.*

² Heb. *house of the stocks.*

Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. 14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had hewn out for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and spices prepared by the apothecaries' art : and they made a very great burning for him.

XVII. 1 And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. 2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. 3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto the Baalim ; 4 but sought unto the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. 5 Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand ; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents ; and he had riches and honour in abundance. 6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD : and furthermore he took away the high places and the Asherim out of Judah. 7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent his princes, even Ben-hail, and Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethaneel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah ; 8 and with them the Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, the Levites : and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests. 9 And they taught in Judah, having the book of the law of the LORD with them ; and they went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught among the people. 10 And the fear of the

LORD was upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. 11 And some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and silver for tribute; the Arabians also brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats. 12 And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store. 13 And he had ¹much business in the cities of Judah; and men of war, mighty men of valour, in Jerusalem. 14 And this was the numbering of them according to their fathers' houses: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the captain, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand: 15 and next to him Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand: 16 and next to him Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour: 17 and of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him two hundred thousand armed with bow and shield: 18 and next to him Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for war. 19 These were they that waited on the king, beside those whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

¹ Or, *many works*; or, *much substance*.

XVIII. 1 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab. 2 And after certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that were with him, and moved him to go up *with him* to Ramoth-gilead. 3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of

Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war. 4 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day. 5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the king's hand. 6 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might inquire of him? 7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may inquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesieth good concerning me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. 8 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla. 9 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, and they sat in an open place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 10 And Zedekiah the son of Che-naanah made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians until they be consumed. 11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king. 12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king with one mouth; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good. 13 And

¹ Heb. *eunuch*.

² Heb. *athresh-ing-floor*.

Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what my God saith, that will I speak. 14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, ¹Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand. 15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou speak nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD? 16 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace. 17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? 18 And he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. 19 And the LORD said, Who shall ²entice ²Or, *deceive*. Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. 20 And there came forth ³a spirit, ³Heb. *the spirit*. and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? 21 And he said, I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *the* LORD said, Thou shalt entice him, and shalt also prevail: go forth, and do even so. 22 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets; but the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee. 23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak

unto thee? 24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go ¹into an inner chamber to hide thyself. 25 Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; 26 and say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace. 27 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, ²Hear, all ye peoples. 28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. 29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I ³will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went into the battle. 30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, Ye shall fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel. 31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they turned about to fight against him: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved them *to depart* from him. 32 And it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him. 33 And a certain man drew a bow ⁴at a venture, and smote the king of Israel ⁵between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said to the driver of the chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am sore wounded. 34 And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed himself up in his chariot against the Syrians

¹ Or, *from chamber to chamber.*

² See Micah i. 2.

³ Or, *must.*

⁴ Heb. *in his simplicity.*

⁵ Heb. *between the lower armour and the breastplate.*

until the even : and about the time of the sun going down he died.

XIX. 1 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. 2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the wicked, and love them that hate the LORD? for this therefore wrath is upon thee from before the LORD. 3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast put away the Asheroth out of the land, and hast ¹prepared thine heart to seek ¹ Or, *set*. God.

4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem : and he went out again among the people from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD the God of their fathers. 5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city, 6 and said to the judges, Consider what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD; and he is with you ²in the judgment. 7 Now therefore let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts. 8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites and the priests, and of the heads of the fathers' houses of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies. And they returned to Jerusalem. 9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. 10 And whensoever any controversy shall come to you from your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall warn them, that they be not guilty towards the

² Or, *in giving judgment.*
Heb. *in the matter (or, word) of judgment.*

LORD, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not be guilty. 11 And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. ¹Deal courageously, and the LORD be with the good.

¹ Heb. *Be strong and do.*

XX. 1 And it came to pass after this, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them some of the ²Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. 2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea from Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazezon-tamar, the same is En-gedi. 3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek unto the LORD; and he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to ask of the LORD. 5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court; 6 and he said, O LORD the God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the nations? and in thine hand is power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee. 7 Didst not thou, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? 8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, 9 If evil come upon us, ³the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house, and before thee, (for thy name is in this house,) and.

² Perhaps an error for *Meunim*. So LXX. See ch. xxvi. 7.

³ Or, *the sword of judgment.*

cry unto thee in our affliction, and thou wilt hear and save. 10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned aside from them, and destroyed them not; 11 behold, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. 12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. 13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. 14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation; 15 and he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Fear not ye, neither be dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the ascent of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 Ye shall not need to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed: to morrow go out against them; for the LORD is with you. 18 And Jehoshaphat bowed himself with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. 19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the

Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD the God of Israel with an exceeding loud voice. 20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 21 And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed them that should sing unto the LORD, and praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and say, Give thanks unto the LORD; for his mercy *endureth* for ever. 22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. 23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another. 24 And when Judah came to the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked upon the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped. 25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches and ¹dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in taking of the spoil, it was so much. 26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of ²Beracah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Beracah, unto this day. 27 Then they re-

¹ According to some ancient authorities, *garments*.

² That is, *Blessing*.

turned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to return to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies. 28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD. 29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of the countries, when they heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel. 30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about. 31 And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: he was thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD. 33 Howbeit the high places were not taken away; and as yet the people had not ¹prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers. 34 Now the rest of the ²acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the ²history of Jehu the son of Hanani ³which is inserted in the book of the kings of Israel.

¹ Or, *set*.² Heb. *words*.³ Or, *who is mentioned*.

35 ⁴And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel; the same did very wickedly: 36 and he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-geber. 37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mare-shah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath ⁵destroyed thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

⁴ 1 Kin. xxii. 48, 49.⁵ Or, *made a breach in*.

XXI. 1 And ⁶Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of

⁶ 1 Kin. xxii. 50.

David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead. ² And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. ³ And their father gave them great gifts, of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn. ⁴ Now when Jehoram was risen up over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened himself, he slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers also of the princes of Israel. ⁵ ¹ Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. ⁶ And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he did that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD. ⁷ Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons for ever. ⁸ In his days the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made themselves a king. ⁹ Then Jehoram passed over with his captains, and all his chariots with him: and it came to pass that he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots. ¹⁰ So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day: then did Libnah revolt at the same time from under his hand: because he had forsaken the LORD the God of his fathers. ¹¹ He also made high places in the ² mountains of Judah, and made the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, and ³ drew Judah aside. ¹² And there came a

¹ ² Kin. viii.
17, &c.

² According to
some ancient
authorities,
cities.

³ Or, led Ju-
dah astray.

writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD the God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah; ¹³ but hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like as the house of Ahab ¹did; and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which were better than thyself: ¹⁴ behold, the LORD will smite with a great ²plague thy people, day after day, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy substance: ¹⁵ and thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness. ¹⁶ And the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians which are beside the Ethiopians: ¹⁷ and they came up against Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found ³in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save ⁴Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. ¹⁸ And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. ¹⁹ And it came to pass, in process of time, about the end of two years, that his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness, and he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. ²⁰ Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years: and he departed without being desired; and they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

XXII. ¹ ⁵ And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made ⁶Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Ara-

¹ Heb. *made to go a whoring.*

² Heb. *stroke.*

³ Or, *belonging to.*

⁴ In xxii. 1, *Ahaziah.*

⁵ 2 Kin. viii. 24, &c.

⁶ In xxi. 17, *Jehoahaz.*

bians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. ² ¹Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri. ³ He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. ⁴ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father, to his destruction. ⁵ He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians wounded Joram. ⁶ And he returned to be healed in Jezreel ² of the wounds which they had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And ³ Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick. ⁷ Now the ⁴ destruction of Ahaziah was of God, in that he went unto Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. ⁸ ⁵ And it came to pass, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, that he found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, ministering to Ahaziah, and slew them. ⁹ ⁶ And he sought Ahaziah, and they caught him, (now he was hiding in Samaria,) and they brought him to Jehu, and slew him; and they buried him, for they said, He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart. ⁷ So the house of Ahaziah had no power to hold the kingdom. ¹⁰ ⁸ And when Athaliah

¹ ² In Kin. viii. 26, *Twenty and two*.

² So in 2 Kin. viii. 29, and in the LXX. and Syriac versions. The text has *because the wounds*, &c.

³ In ver. 1, *Ahaziah*.

⁴ Heb. *treading down*.

⁵ ² Kin. x. 10, &c.

⁶ ² Kin. ix. 27.

⁷ Or, *And there was none of the house of Ahaziah that had power*, &c.

⁸ ² Kin. xi. 1, &c.

the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah. 11 But ¹Jehoshabeath, ^{1 2 Kin. xi. 2, Jehosheba.} the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in the bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not. 12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

XXIII. 1 And ²in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him. 2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of fathers' *houses* of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. 3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath spoken concerning the sons of David. 4 This is the thing that ye shall do; ³A third ^{3 See 1 Chr. xxiv. 4.} part of you, that come in on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the ⁴doors; 5 and a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD. 6 But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall come in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the

⁴ Heb. thresholds.

LORD. 7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever cometh into the house let him be put to death: and be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out. 8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses. 9 And Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds the spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God. 10 And he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right ¹side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, by the king round about. 11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony, and made him king: and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him; and they said, ²God save the king. 12 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people ³running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD: 13 and she looked, and, behold, the king stood by his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets, and the singers were with their instruments of music, and led the singing of praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason. 14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth within the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in

¹ Heb.
shoulder.

² Heb. *Let the king live.*
³ Or, *of the people, of the guard and of those who praised the king.*

the house of the LORD. 15 So they made way for her; and she came to the entry of the horse gate at the king's house, and they slew her there.

16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, and all the people, and the king, that they should be the LORD's people. 17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces; and they slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. 18 And Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD under the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, ¹according to the order of David. 19 And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none which was unclean in any thing should enter in. 20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the upper gate unto the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom. 21 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword.

¹ Heb. *by the hands of David.*

XXIV. 1 Joash ²was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. 2 And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest. 3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters. 4 And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to restore the house of the LORD. 5 And he gathered together the priests

² 2 Kin. xi. 21.
& xii. 1, &c.

and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened it not. 6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the tax of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tent of the testimony? 7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon the Baalim. 8 So the king commanded, and they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD. 9 And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the tax that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness. 10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, ¹until they had made an end. 11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's ²office ³by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the chief priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. 12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD; and they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to repair the house of the LORD. 13 So the workmen wrought, and ⁴the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God

¹ Or, *until it was full.*

² Or, *officers.*

³ Or, *which was under the hand.*

⁴ Heb. *healing went up upon the work.*

¹in his state, and strengthened it. 14 And when they had made an end, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, even vessels to minister, and ²to offer withal, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada. 15 But Jehoiada waxed old and was full of days, and he died; an hundred and thirty years old was he when he died. 16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, and toward God and his house. 17 Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. 18 And they forsook the house of the LORD the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass. 19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear. 20 And the Spirit of God ³came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you. 21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD. 22 Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and require it. 23 And it came to pass at the ⁴end of the year, that the

¹ Or, *after the measure thereof.*

² Or, *pestles.*

³ Heb. *clothed.*

⁴ Heb. *revolution.*

army of Syria came up against him : and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus. 24 For the army of Syria came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD the God of their fathers. So they executed ¹judgment upon Joash. 25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the ²sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died : and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings. 26 And these are they that conspired against him ; ³Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of ⁴Shimrith the Moabitess. 27 Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens ⁵*laid* upon him, and the ⁶rebuilding of the house of God, behold, they are written in the commentary of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

XXV.

1 Amaziah ⁷was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart. 3 Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established unto him, that he slew his servants which had killed the king his father. 4 But he put not their children to death, but did according to that which is written in the law in the book of Moses, as the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither

¹ Heb. judgments.

² The LXX. & Vulg. read *son*.

³ In 2 Kin. xii. 21, *Jozacar*.
⁴ In 2 Kin. xii. 21, *Shomer*.

⁵ Or, uttered against.

⁶ Heb. founding.

⁷ 2 Kin. xiv. 1, &c.

shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin. 5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and ordered them according to their fathers' houses, under captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, even all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and upward, and found them three hundred thousand chosen men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield. 6 He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for an hundred talents of silver. 7 But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the LORD is not with Israel, *to wit*, with all the children of Ephraim. 8 But go thou, do *it*, be strong for the battle: God shall cast thee down before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down. 9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the ¹army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give thee much more than this. 10 Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit*, the ¹army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in fierce anger. 11 And Amaziah took courage, and led forth his people, and went to ²the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. 12 And *other* ten thousand did the children of Judah carry away alive, and brought them unto the top of ³the rock, and cast them down from the top of ³the rock, that they all were broken in pieces. 13 But ⁴the men of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah,

¹ Heb. *troop*.² 2 Kin. xiv. 7.³ Or, *Sela*.⁴ Heb. *the sons of the troop*.

from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote of them three thousand, and took much spoil. 14 Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from smiting the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. 15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which have not delivered their own people out of thine hand? 16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Have we made thee of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath counselled to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel. 17 Then ¹Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. 18 And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The ²thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. 19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten Edom; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou ³provoke calamity, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee? 20 But Amaziah would not hear; for it was of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of *their enemies*, because they had sought after the gods of Edom. 21 So Joash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah

¹ ² Kin. xiv.
8, 9, &c.

² Or, *bramble*.

³ Or, *meddle to*
thine *hurt*.

king of Judah looked one another in the face, at Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to Judah. 22 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent. 23 And Joash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto ¹the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 24 And *he took* all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with ²Obededom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria. 25 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel? 27 Now from the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the LORD they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. 28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of ³Judah.

XXVI.

1 And all the people of Judah took ⁴Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah. 2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers. 3 Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name also was Jechiliah of Jerusalem. 4 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 5 And ⁵he set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had

¹ So in 2 Kin. xiv. 13. The text has *the gate that looketh.*

² See 1 Chr. xxvi. 15.

³ In 2 Kin. xiv. 20, *the city of David.*
⁴ In 2 Kin. xiv. 21, *Azariah.*

⁵ Or, *was inclined to seek.*

* Heb. *the seeing*.
Many ancient authorities have in the fear.

understanding in ¹visions of God : and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper. 6 And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod ; and he built cities in Ashdod, and among the Philistines. 7 And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Meunim. 8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah : and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt ; for he waxed exceeding strong. 9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning *of the wall*, and fortified them. 10 And he built towers in the wilderness, and hewed out many cisterns, (for he had much cattle;) in the low land also, and in the plain : *and he had* husbandmen, and vine dressers in the mountains and in the fruitful fields ; for he loved ²husbandry. 11 Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their reckoning made by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. 12 The whole number of the heads of fathers' *houses*, even the mighty men of valour, was two thousand and six hundred. 13 And under their hand was a trained army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with ³mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. 14 And Uzziah prepared for them, even for all the host, shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats of mail, and bows, and stones for slinging. 15 And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows

² Heb.
ground.

³ Or, *the power of an army*.

and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong. 16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up even to do corruptly, and he trespassed against the LORD his God; for he went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense. 17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were valiant men: 18 and they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It pertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the LORD God. 19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy¹ brake forth in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, above the altar of incense. 20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out quickly from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him. 21 And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a² several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. 22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write. 23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

¹ Heb. *rose* (as the sun).

² Or, *lazar*.
house, or place in any

XXVII. 1 Jotham ¹was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok. 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah had done: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly. 3 He built the upper gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. 4 Moreover he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers. 5 He fought also with the king of the children of Ammon, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, in the second year also, and in the third. 6 So Jotham became mighty, because he ordered his ways before the LORD his God. 7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. 8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. 9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

XXVIII. 1 Ahaz ²was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father: 2 but he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for the Baalim. 3 Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his chil-

dren in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. 4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 5 Wherefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away ¹from him a great multitude of captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter. 6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah ~~an~~ hundred and twenty thousand in one day, all of them valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD the God of their fathers. 7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah that was second to the king. 8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, wives, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria. 9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD the God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up unto heaven. 10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: *but* ²are there not with you of your own, trespasses even against the LORD your God? 11 Now hear me therefore, and send back the captives, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you. 12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim,

¹ Or, of them.

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² Or, is there not with you guilt, &c.?

Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war, ¹³ and said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for ye purpose that which will bring upon us ¹a trespass, against the LORD, to add unto our sins and to our ¹trespass: for our ¹trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel. ¹⁴ So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation. ¹⁵ And the men which have been expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto their brethren: then they returned to Samaria. ¹⁶² At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him. ¹⁷ For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away captives. ¹⁸ The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low land, and of the South of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Soco with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there. ¹⁹ For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he had done wantonly in Judah, and trespassed sore against the LORD. ²⁰ And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came ³unto him, and distressed him, but ⁴strengthened him not. ²¹ For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of the LORD, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of As-

¹ Or, *guilt*.

² ² Kin. xvi. 7.

³ Or, *against*.

⁴ Or, *prevailed not over him*.

syria : but it helped him not. 22 And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this is that king Ahaz. 23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel. 24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD; and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. 25 And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD the God of his fathers. 26 Now the rest of his acts, and all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem; for they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

XXIX. 1 ¹ Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. 3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them. 4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the broad place on the east, 5 and said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites; now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD the God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the

¹ 2 Kin. xviii.
1, &c.

holy place. 6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs. 7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel. 8 Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to be ¹tossed to and fro, to be an astonishment, and an hissing, as ye see with your eyes. 9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. 10 Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD the God of Israel, that his fierce anger may turn away from us. 11 My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to minister unto him, and that ye should be his ministers, and burn incense. 12 Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel: and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah: 13 and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel: and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah: 14 and of the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. 15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and went in, according to the commandment of the king by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. 16 And the priests went in unto the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse it, and brought

¹ Or, a terror.

out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad to the brook Kidron. 17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD; and they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days: and on the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. 18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king within, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the table of shewbread, with all the vessels thereof. 19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away when he trespassed, have we prepared and sanctified; and, behold, they are before the altar of the LORD. 20 Then Hezekiah the king arose early, and gathered the princes of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD. 21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom and for the sanctuary and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of the LORD. 22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: and they killed the rams, and sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and sprinkled the blood upon the altar. 23 And they brought near the he goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them: 24 and the priests killed them, and they made a sin offering with their blood upon the altar, to make atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and

the sin offering should be made for all Israel. 25 And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for the commandment was of the LORD by the hand of his prophets. 26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. 27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began also, and the trumpets, together with the instruments of David king of Israel. 28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all of them until the burnt offering was finished. 29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped. 30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praises unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped. 31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have ¹consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings. 32 And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD. 33 And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. 34 But the priests were too few, so that they

¹ Or, *filled your hand.*

could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. 35 And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and with the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order. 36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, because of that which God had prepared for the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

XXX. 1 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD the God of Israel. 2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. 3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. 4 And the thing was right in the eyes of the king and of all the congregation. 5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD the God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not kept it in great numbers in such sort as it was written. 6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may return to the remnant that

are escaped of you out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. 7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD the God of their fathers, so that he gave them up ¹to desolation, as ye see. 8 Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were; but ²yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever, and serve the LORD your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. 9 For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that led them captive, and shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him. 10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. 11 Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. 12 Also in Judah was the hand of God to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the king and of the princes by the word of the LORD. 13 And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation. 14 And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the ³altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron. 15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt offerings into the house of the LORD. 16 And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the

¹ Or, *to be an astonishment.*

² Heb. *give the hand.*

³ Or, *vessels.*

priests sprinkled the blood, *which they received* of the hand of the Levites. 17 For there were many in the congregation that had not sanctified themselves: therefore the Levites had the charge of killing the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto the LORD. 18 For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, but did eat the passover otherwise than it was written. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon 19 ¹every one that prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD the God of his fathers, though not according to the purification of the sanctuary. 20 And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. 21 And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, *singing* with ²loud instruments unto the LORD. 22 And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that were well skilled *in the service* of the LORD. So they did eat throughout the feast for the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace offerings, and ³making confession to the LORD the God of their fathers. 23 And the whole congregation took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept *other* seven days with gladness. 24 For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation for offerings a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. 25 And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers

¹ Or, *him that prepareth his whole heart.*

² Or, *instruments of ascribing strength unto the Lord.*

³ Or, *giving thanks.*

that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. 26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem. 27 Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy habitation, even unto heaven.

XXXI. 1 Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake in pieces the pillars, and cut down the Asherim, and brake down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities. 2 And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, both the priests and the Levites, for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the camp of the LORD. 3 *He appointed* also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, *to wit*, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the LORD. 4 Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might hold fast by the law of the LORD. 5 And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel gave in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. 6 And the children of Israel and

Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of dedicated things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid them by heaps. 7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. 8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel. 9 Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. 10 And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since *the people* began to bring the oblations into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store. 11 Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared them. 12 And they brought in the oblations and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: and over them Conaniah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was second. 13 And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God. 14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter eastward, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things. 15 And under him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their ¹set office, to give to their brethren by ¹Or, *trust*. courses, as well to the great as to the small:

16 beside them that were reckoned by genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even every one that entered into the house of the LORD, ¹as the duty of every day required, for their service in their charges according to their courses; 17 and them that were reckoned by genealogy of the priests by their fathers' houses, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses; 18 ²and them that were reckoned by genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their ³set office they sanctified themselves in holiness: 19 also for the sons of Aaron the priests, which were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, there were men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogy among the Levites. 20 And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah: and he wrought that which was good and right and ⁴faithful before the LORD his God. 21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

¹ Or, *for his daily portion.*

² Or, *even to give to them,* &c.

³ Or, *trust.*

⁴ Heb. *faithfulness.*

XXXII.

⁵ 2 Kin. xviii.

13, &c.

Isai. xxxvi. 1,

&c.

⁶ Heb. *to*

break them up.

1 ⁵After these things, and this faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought ⁶to win them for himself. 2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, with his face set to fight against Jerusalem, 3 he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city; and they helped him. 4 So there was gathered much people together, and they stopped all the foun-

tains, and the brook that flowed through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water? 5 And he took courage, and built up all the wall that was broken down, and ¹raised *it* up to the towers, and ²the other wall without, and strengthened Millo *in* the city of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance. 6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the broad place at the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying, 7 Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there is ³a greater with us than with him: 8 with him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah. 9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (now he was before Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying, 10 Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide ⁴the siege in Jerusalem? 11 Doth not Hezekiah persuade you, to give you over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and upon it shall ye burn incense? 13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands any ways able to deliver their land out of mine hand? 14 Who was

¹ Or, heighten-
ed the towers;
or, went up up-
on the towers.
The Vulg. has
built towers
thereon.

² Or, another.

³ Or, more.

⁴ Or, in the
strong hold.

there among all the gods of those nations which my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?

15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him : for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers : how much less shall your ¹gods deliver you out of mine hand.

16 And his servants spake yet more against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah. 17 He wrote also ²letters, to rail on the LORD the God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, Like the gods of the nations of the lands, which have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.

18 And they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them ; that they might take the city.

19 And they spake of the God of Jerusalem, as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of men's hands.

20 And Hezekiah the king, and Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, prayed because of this, and cried to heaven.

21 And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land.

And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels caused him to fall there with the sword.

22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *other*, and guided them on every

¹ Or, *God*.

² Or, *a letter*.

side. 23 And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

24 ¹In those days Hezekiah was sick even unto death: and he prayed unto the LORD; and he spake unto him, and gave him a ²sign.

¹ 2 Kin. xx. 1.
Isai. xxxviii. 1.

² Or, *wonder*.

25 But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

26 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for ³the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

³ Heb. *the lifting up*.

27 And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he provided him treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of goodly vessels; 28 storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and flocks in folds. 29 Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him very much substance. 30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper spring of the waters of Gihon, and brought them straight down on the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works. 31 Howbeit in *the business of*

the ⁴ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart. 32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his good deeds, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, in the book of the kings of

⁴ Heb. *interpreters*.

¹ Or, *highest*.

Judah and Israel. 33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ¹ascent of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

XXXIII.
² 2 Kin. xxi.
1, &c.

1 ²Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; and he reared up altars for the Baalim, and made Asheroth, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 6 He also made his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: and he practised augury, and used enchantments, and practised sorcery, and dealt with them that had familiar spirits, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 7 And he set the graven image of the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: 8 neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers; if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them, even all the law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of

Moses. 9 And Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, so that they did evil more than the heathen, whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they gave no heed. 11 Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh ¹in chains, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. 12 And when he was in distress, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. 13 And he prayed unto him; and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God. 14 Now after this he built an outer wall to the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and he raised it up a very great height; and he put ²valiant captains in all the fenced cities of Judah. 15 And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. 16 And he ³built up the altar of the LORD, and offered thereon sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD the God of Israel. 17 Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, but only unto the LORD their God. 18 Now the rest of the ⁴acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD the God of Israel, behold, they are written among the ⁴acts of the kings of Israel. 19 His prayer

¹ Or, *with hooks.*

² Or, *captains of the army.*

³ According to another reading, *prepared.*

⁴ Heb. *words.*

also, and how *God* was intreated of him, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up the Asherim and the graven images, before he humbled himself: behold, they are written in the history of ¹Hozai. 20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

¹ Or, *the seers.*

² 2 Kin. xxi. 19, &c.

21 ²Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. 22 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: and Amon sacrificed unto all the graven images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them. 23 And he humbled not himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but this same Amon ³trespassed more and more. 24 And his servants conspired against him, and put him to death in his own house. 25 But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

³ Or, *became guilty.*

XXXIV.

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. 3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the graven images, and the molten images. 4 And they brake down the altars of the Baalim in his presence; and the sun images, that were on high above them, he hewed down; and the

Asherim, and the graven images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves of *them* that had sacrificed unto them. 5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and ~~purged~~ Judah and Jerusalem. 6 And *so did he* in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, ¹in their ruins round about. 7 And he brake down the altars and beat the Asherim and the graven images into powder, and hewed down all the sun images throughout all the land of Israel, and returned to Jerusalem.

cleaned

¹ Or, as otherwise read, *with their swords*. The text is probably corrupt.

8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had ~~purged~~ the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. 9 And they came to Hilkiyah the high priest, and delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites the keepers of the ²door had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin, ³and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10 And they delivered it into the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and the ⁴workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD gave it, to amend and repair the house; 11 even to the carpenters and to the builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. 12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward: and *other of* the Levites, all that could skill of

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² Heb. *threshold*.

³ Another reading is, *and they returned to Jerusalem*.

⁴ Or, *they gave it to the workmen &c.* See 2 Kin. xxii. 5.

instruments of music. 13 Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and set forward all that did the work in every manner of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters. 14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the LORD¹ given by Moses. 15 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan. 16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and moreover brought the king word again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it. 17 And they have emptied out the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and into the hand of the workmen. 18 And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read therein before the king. 19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. 20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and² Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, 21 Go ye, inquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book. 22 And Hilkiah, and they whom the king *had commanded*, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of³ Tokhath, the son of⁴ Hasrah, keeper of the

¹ Heb. *by the hand of.*

² In 2 Kin. xxii. 12, *Achbor.*

³ In 2 Kin. xxii. 14, *Tikkvah.*

⁴ In 2 Kin. xxii. 14, *Harha.*

wardrobe ; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the¹ second quarter :) and they spake to her to that effect. 23 And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD the God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you unto me, 24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah ; 25 because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands ; therefore is my wrath poured out upon this place, and it shall not be quenched. 26 But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD the God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard ; 27 because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me ; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD. 28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof. And they brought the king word again. 29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 30 And the king went up to the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, both great and small : and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD. 31 And the king stood in his place, and

¹ Heb.
Mishneh.

made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. 32 And he caused all that were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. 33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were found in Israel, to serve, even to serve the LORD their God. All his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

XXXV. 1 And Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. 2 And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD. 3 And he said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; there shall no more be a burden upon your shoulders: now serve the LORD your God, and his people Israel. 4 And prepare yourselves after your fathers' houses by your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. 5 And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brethren the children of the people, ¹and *let there be for each* a portion of a fathers' house of the Levites. 6 And kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and make ready for your brethren, to do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses. 7 And Josiah ²gave to the children of

¹ Or, *and according to the distribution of each father's house.*

² Or, *gave for offerings*; and so in verses 8, 9. See 2 Chr. xxx. 24.

the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all of them for the passover offerings, unto all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these were of the king's substance. 8 And his princes gave ¹for ¹Or, *willingly*. a freewill offering unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, the rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings two thousand and six hundred *small cattle*, and three hundred oxen. 9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for the passover offerings five thousand *small cattle*, and five hundred oxen. 10 So the service was made ready, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites by their courses, according to the king's commandment. 11 And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood, which they received* of their hand, and the Levites flayed them. 12 And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give them according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the children of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so did they with the oxen. 13 And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: and the holy offerings sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the children of the people. 14 And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests; because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in offering the burnt offerings and the fat until night: therefore the Levites made ready for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron. 15 And the singers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to

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the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters were at every gate: they needed not to depart from their service, for their brethren the Levites made ready for them. 16 So all the service of the LORD was made ready the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah. 17 And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. 18 And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did any of the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.

20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him. 21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? *I come* not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God ¹hath commanded to speed me: forbear thee from *meddling* with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not. 22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Neco, from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. 23 And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded. 24 So his ser-

¹ Or, *hath spoken to hasten me on.*

vants took him out of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had, and brought him to Jerusalem; and he died, and was buried in the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. 25 And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day; and they made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they are written in the lamentations. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his good deeds, according to that which was written in the law of the LORD, 27 and his acts, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

XXXVI. 1 Then ¹the people of the land took Jehoahaz ^{1 2 Kin. xxiii. 30, &c.} the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem. 2 Joahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. 3 And the king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem, and amerced the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. 4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Neco took Joahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

5 ²Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old ^{2 2 Kin. xxiii. 36, 37.} when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God. 6 Against him came up Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. 7 Nebucadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his ³temple at Babylon. 8 Now ^{3 Or, palace.} the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found

¹ Or, *against*.

² In 1 Chr. iii. 16, *Jechoniah*.
In Jer. xxii.

24, *Coniah*.

³ 2 Kin. xxiv. 8.

⁴ In 2 Kin. xxiv. 8, *eighteen*.

¹in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and ²Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

9 ³Jehoiachin was ⁴eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. 10 And at the return of the year, king Nebucadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. 12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God: he humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet *speaking* from the mouth of the LORD. 13 And he also rebelled against king Nebucadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD the God of Israel. 14 Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, and the people, trespassed very greatly after all the abominations of the heathen: and they polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. 15 And the LORD the God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: 16 but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no ⁵remedy. 17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldeans, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man

⁵ Heb. *healing*.

or maiden, old man or ancient: he gave them all into his hand. 18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. 19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. 20 And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: 21 to fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

22 ¹Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, 23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD the God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whosoever is there among you of all his people, the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up. ¹ Ezra i. 1—3.

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I CHRONICLES.

- I. 1 Enosh—Enos (as Gen. v. 6)
 2 Kenan (conform Gen. v. 9, 12, 13, 14)
 6 Ashchenaz—Ashkenaz (as A. V.) less clumsy and less likely to be mispronounced
 8 Put (conform Gen. x. 6, and consider Jer. xlvi. 9)
 17, 18 Arpachshad (conform Gen. x. 22, 24, xi. 10, 11, 12, 13)
 23 these were—these are (so ii. 21, 33, 50, iii. 1, iv. 3, 5, vii. 17, 40, viii. 10, 38, 40, ix, 44)
- II. 3 Begin a paragraph (as at i. 35)
 7 Achar—Acar (?) see Recab ver. 55, Recah iv. 12
 11 Nahshon—conform Ex. vi. 23
 24 ephrathah (conform Ruth iv. 11)
 40 Sisamai—Sismai (*bis*)
- III. 1 which—who
- IV. 10 coast . . . thine—border . . . thy
 11 which—whom (so 18)
 33 genealogy—genealogy was according thereto
 38 increased greatly—spread abroad exceedingly (as Gen. xxviii. 14, xxx, 30)
 43 dwelt—have dwelt
- V. 2 Chief ruler—prince (so ix. 11, 20, xi. 2, xii. 27, xiii. 1, xxvii, 4, 16, xxviii. 4)
 11 children—sons
 18 able to bear—bearing
 buckler—shield (as *passim*)
 to shoot with—bending the
 out to war—forth in the host (as vii. 11)
 21 an—a
 23 children—sons (as iv. 1, 24, v. 1 etc.)
 25 went a whoring—played the harlot
- VI. 10 House—house
 17 be—are

- VI. 32 waited on . . . office—performed . . . service
 order—ordinance
 33 waited—performed *service*
 54 coasts—borders (so 66, xxi. 12)
- VII. 8 Jerimoth—Jeremoth
 11 fit to go out—that went forth
 16 Rakem—Rekem (see "Sheresh " *ibid.*)
 27 Non—Nun (in marg. Heb. *Non*)
 Jehoshua—Joshua
 40 for service—with the host
- VIII. 12 Shemed—Shemer
 34 Jehonathan—Jonathan (as 33) so ix. 39, 40
- IX. 18 hitherto *waited*—were hitherto
 19 put margins in the text (so 23)
 entry—entrance
 22 set office—trust
 26 a set office—trust
 28 certain—some
 for by tale etc—*Lege*, for by count they brought them in and by
 count they took them out*
 29 *Some*—Some
 31 had the set office—were in trust
 33 *dwelt*—*were*
and were—dele
 employed—dele
- X. 3 overtook—hit (add marg. Heb. *found him*) as 1 Sam. xxxi. 3
 12 oak—tree (comp. 1 Sam. xxxi. 13) this word is generic, that specific.
- XI. 2 In—Moreover in
 thou wast he—it was thou that (" he that leddest " is incorrect)
 Thou—It is thou that
 and thou—and thou that
 11 an Hachmonite—a Hachmonite
 14 slew—smote (conform 2 Sam. xxiii. 12)
 victory—salvation
 16 hold—stronghold, (as 7) so xii. 8, 16
 18 of it—it
 19 dele " thing "
 22 the two—insert same marg. as 2 Sam. xxiii. 20
 a lion in a pit—the lion in the midst of a pit (as 2 Sam. xxiii)
 25 marg² in text
- XII. 2 could use—used
 8 hold—stronghold (so 16)

* " tale " in 1 Sam. xviii. 27, to be changed to " number ",

XII. 8 to the wilderness—in the wilderness

- that could handle—handling
 14 captains—chiefs (so 18)
 an—a
 15 his—its
 17 mine (*bis*)—my
 18 thine—thy
 19 there fell some—some fell away
 dele marg¹
 fall—fall away
 20 fell—fell away
 21 band of rovers—troop
 marg. xxx. 1—xxx. 8
 23 which—that
 29 and hitherto—for as yet
 dele marg⁴
 had kept—kept
 the ward—ward
 31 which—who
 33 could set—set (so 35)
 36 able to—that
 37 an—a
 40 provision—bread

XIII. 2 dele “everywhere”

- 5 Shihor—the brook (so in Josh. xiii. 3) comp. 1 Kin. viii. 65
 7 they carried the ark of God upon a new cart from the house
 11 displeased (conform 2 Sam. vi. 8)
 12 home to—to

XIV. 1 an house—a house

- 10 mine . . . thine—my . . . thy
 11 mine hand—my hand
 marg. *breaches—breakings forth*
 15 marg¹ dele “Heb. *Becaim*; perhaps”

XV. 3 his—its

- 5 an—a (so 7, 10)
 12 houses—*houses* (as 1 Kin. viii. 1)
 22 over the burden—master of the song (as Rogers-Tynd.)
 burden—song (so 27)
 24 with—dele

XVI. 9 sing psalms—make melody

- Talk ye of—meditate on (as Ps. cv. 2)
 17 And hath—And
 19 but a few men—few (as in Ps.)
 20 went about—went

- 24 Tell out—Declare
 26 idols—add marg. Or, *nothings*
 23—36 Put “Jehovah” for “LORD” throughout
 33 LORD ;—Jehovah,
 35 And to—To
 40 gave in commandment—commanded

- XVII. 1 an—a (so 4, 6, 10, 12)
 2 thine—thy
 14 mine—my (so 16)
 17 for thou—but thou (as in 2 Sam.)
 great while to come—time which is afar off
 18 can—shall

- XVIII. 4 an—a
 6 gave victory to—preserved (as A. V. and 2 Sam.) so 13
 17 about the king—at the king's hand

- XIX. 7 pitched—encamped
 9 put the battle—set themselves (as 2 Sam. x. 8)
 array—array for battle (so 17)
 13 men—man (put so in 2 Sam. x. 12)
 16 put to the worse—conform 2 Sam. ii. 17

- XX. 4 slew—smote
 5 slew—smote
 7 slew—smote

- XXI. 3 an—a
 be—are
 5 gave up—gave
 an—a
 12 while that—while
 again—back
 15 thine—thy
 16 *of Israel*—dele
 24 that which is thine for the LORD—for the LORD that which is thine

- XXII. 2 strangers—sojourners
 6 an—a
 7 an—a (so 8, 10, 14)
 9 shall be—is
 14 affliction—trouble as A. V.
 15 cunning—skilful (as xxviii. 21)
 17 mine—my

- XXIII. 20 the first—the chief (as in 16, 17, 18)
 24 These were—These are

- XXIV. 3 And David, with Zadok of the sons . . . and Ahimelech . . .
 divided them according to . . .
 19 omit "*given*"
 22 Jeriah—Jerijah (as xxvi. 3)
 27 *came*—were
 28 *came*—was
- XXV. 1 should prophesy—prophesied
- XXVI. 15 storehouse—storehouse (so 17)
- XXVII. 4 ruler—prince
 16 ruler—prince
 22 princes—captains
 23 like to—like
 32 wise man—man of understanding
- XXVIII. 1 princes (*bis*)—captains
 companies—courses
 rulers—captains
 by course—dele
 2 an—a (so 3, 10)
 had—dele
 for the building—to build
 3 war—wars
 4 before—out of
 marg.¹ in text
 of the house—in the house
 7 constant—strong
 8 audience—hearing
 seek out—seek (as in Ps.)
 for your—to your
 12 spirit—Spirit
 of the courts—for the courts
 of all the—for all the
 of the treasures (*bis*)—for the treasures
 18 covered—cover
 21 skilful man—man with the wisdom
 princes—captains
- XXIX. 2 I have, &c.—with all my might I have prepared
 3 set my affection to—have delight in
 5 *to be made*—dele
 And who—Who
 6 princes (*bis*)—captains
 rulers—captains
 7 an—a

- XXIX. 10 before—in the presence of
 12 thine (*bis*)—thy (so 16 *bis*)
 16 an—a
 cometh of—is from
 17 mine—my
 which—that
 19 *these things*—dele
 20 Now bless—Bless, I pray you,
 22 chief ruler—prince
 24 princes—captains
 27 *years*—dele
 28 honour—glory

II CHRONICLES.

- I. 2 Then—And
 3 tabernacle of congregation—tent of meeting with God
 11 thine—thy
 honour—glory (so 12)
 17 an (*bis*)—a
- II. 1 an (*bis*)—a (so 3, 4, 6 *bis*, 12 *bis*, 17)
 2 told—counted
 7 cunning (*bis*)—wise
 can skill—knoweth how (as 1 Kin. v. 6)
 8 cedar trees—cedars
 fir trees—cypresses
 9 wonderful great—great and wonderful
 13 cunning—wise (so 14 *bis*)
 17 strangers—sojourners
- III. 4 an—a (so 16)
 5 fir tree—cypress
- IV. 3 ten in a cubit—reserved
- V. 13 gave thanks unto—praised (as A. V.)
 12 an—a
- VI. 2 an—a (so 5, 7, 8)
 4 which—who (so 9, 14, 15)
 5 ruler—prince
 8 thine (*bis*)—thy (so 15)
 14 nor—or (as 1 Kin. viii. 23)
 15 for—yea (as 1 Kin.)
 16 yet so that—if only (as 1 Kin.)
 18 built—builded (as 1 Kin.) so 33
 21 when—which (as 1 Kin.)
 23 own—dele (as 1 Kin.)
 24 turn again—return (as 1 Kin.)
 25 again—back
 26 turn from—turn away from
 when thou dost afflict—because thou afflictest (as 1 Kin.)

- VI. 27 when . . . taught—because thou teachest (as 1 Kin.)
 send rain—give rain (as 1 Kin.)
 28 caterpillars—grasshoppers (Amer. Rev., in 1 Kin.)
 29 *then* . . . or of—*Lege*, what prayer, &c., supplication soever be
 made by any man or by (as 1 Kin.)
 which—that (so 32)
 shall spread—spread (as 1 Kin.)
 30 render unto—give to (as 1 Kin.)
 thou only—thou even thou only (as 1 Kin.)
 32 stranger—foreigner (so 32) as Amer. Rev. in 1 Kin.
 but cometh—when he shall come (as Amer. Rev. in 1 Kin.)
 33 and may—that they may (as 1 Kin.)
 34 to war—to battle (as 1 Kin.)
 by the way that—by whatever way (as 1 Kin.)
 which I—that I (as 1 Kin.)
 36 which—that (as 1 Kin.)
 over before—to (as 1 Kin.)
 and they—so that they (as 1 Kin.)
 37 bethink—shall bethink (as 1 Kin.)
 are carried—were carried (as 1 Kin.)
 turn—repent (Amer. 1st Rev., turn)
 dealt wickedly—committed wickedness (as 1 Kin.)
 38 if they return—and they return (as 1 Kin.)
 whither &c—*Lege* whither they carried them away captive. (conf.
 1 Kin.)
 39 which—that (as 1 Kin.)
 42 marg. *good deeds*—*gracious deeds*
- VII. 5 an—a (so 12)
 18 ruler—prince
 20 peoples—the peoples
 22 which—that
- VIII. 5 fenced—fortified (so xi. 10, 23, xii. 4, xiv. 6, xvii. 2, 19, xxi. 3,
 xxxii. 1, xxxiii. 14,
 17 fetched—took
- IX. 4 meat—food
 5 marg. to “acts”—“Or, *sayings*” (1 Kin. x. 6)
 7 which—who (so 8)
 9 an—a
 14 chapmen and merchants—merchants and traders (to conform to 1
 Kin. x. 15)
 12 went away—went
- X. 15 a thing brought about—Reserved with corresponding passage in
 Kings
 10 shall be—is, (as 1 Kin.)

- X. 14 dele marg.¹
 16 would not &c—hearkened not (1 Kin.)
 and we have none—neither have we (1 Kin.)
- XI. 1 an—a
 again—back
- XII. 3 Sukkiim—Succhiim
 4 princes—captains (so 6)
 12 turned from—turned away from (see xxix. 10, xxx. 8)
 14 marg. *set*—*fixed* (as A. V.)
- XIII. 4 Mount Ephraim—the hill country of Ephraim (so xv. 8, xix. 4)
 7 sons of Belial—base men
 8 be—are
 10 which—who
 17 with a—with
 slew—smote (as xxviii. 5)
- XIV. 2 strange—foreign
 9 host—army (as same word is in 8)
 10 the battle—themselves
 array—array for battle
 11 cried—called
 rest—lean (as Isai. x. 20, l. 10)
 14 spoiled—despoiled
- XV. 4 turned—returned
 8 mount—hill country of
 16 an abominable—a frightful (as 1 Kin. xv. 13)
- XVI. 3 There is . . . and between—Let there be . . . as between
 7 thine—thy (so 8)
 4 lion—Ijon (as 2 Kin. xv. 29)
 14 prepared . . . art (conform to Ex. xxx. 25, 35, xxxvii. 28)
- XVII. 6 lifted up—high (with marg. of A. V.)
 18 an—a
- XVIII. 9 entering in—entrance
 33 a certain—a
 a bow—his bow
 thine—thy
 35 sun going down—going down of the sun (as Josh. x. 27)
- XIX. 3 thine—thy (conform marg. to xii. 14)
- XX. 6 thine—thy
 7 gavest—give

- XX. 8 have built—built
22 ambushments—liers in wait (as Josh.)
- XXI. 9 which—who
11 go a whoring—play the harlot (so 13)
- XXIII. 11 God save—Long live (as Kings)
13 entering in—entrance
princes—captains
blew with—blew the
14 Have her—Bring her
within the ranges—between the ranks (as 2 Kin. xi. 15)
15 entry—entrance
19 which was—that was
- XXIV. 11 to its place again—back to its place
13 his state—its state
15 an—a
19 them again—they back
- XXV. 3 which had killed—who had smitten
6 an—a
12 carry away—take captive
23 dele marg.¹
- XXVI. 3 also—dele
15 cunning—skilful (devised by men of invention?)
21 a several—the separate (as 2 Kin. xv. 5)
- XXVII. 5 an—a
marg. add, or, *infirmity* (as 2 Kin. xv. 5)
- XXVIII. 6 an—a
9 before—to meet (as xiv. 6, xv. 2)
11 which—whom
15 which—who
- XXIX. 10 mine—my
18 in to H. the K. within,—within to Hez. the king,
31 free—willing (as Ex. xxxv. 5, 22, 1 Chr. xxviii. 21)
heart—heart, (as ellipsis demands)
36 because of that which—(returned to A. V.)
32 an—a
- XXX. 5 in . . . was—with a multitude as it is written
6 turn again—return
7 which—who
9 if ye turn again—when ye return
before—in the presence of
come again—come back
18 was written—is written

- XXX. 22 were well skilled—had good understanding, (to follow usual rendering of Heb. and leave “skilful” for other Heb. words)
 25 strangers—sojourners (as xv. 9)
- XXXI. 1 cut down—cut off
 brake down—beat down
 15 set office—trnst (from marg.) so 18
- XXXII. 1 dele from marg. “*The vulgate*, etc.”
 7 of a—of (as I. Chr. xxii. 13. xxviii. 20)
 13 mine—my
 14 mine (*bis*)—my
 15 mine (*bis*)—my
 17 mine (*bis*)—my
 18 cried—called
 27 goodly vessels—desirable things
 32 good—gracious
- XXXIII. 2 heathen whom—nations which (so 9)
 6 practised augury—observed augury (so 2 Kin. xxi. 6)
 13 again—back
 25 slew—smote
- XXXIV. 3 purge—cleanse. (Former found only in this chap. & Ezek. xxiv.
 13, latter more than 50 times) so 5, 8
 12 could skill of—were skilful with (as I. Chr. xxv. 7)
 16 the king . . . again—back word to the king. (so 28)
 23 will bring—am bringing (as I. Kin. xxii. 8.) so 28
 27 thine—thy
 hast rent—didst rend
 wept—weep
 28 neither . . . eyes—and thine eyes shall not (as I. Kings xxii. 20)
 32 stand *to it*—join in it (marg. Heb. *stand*)
- XXXV. 13 sod—boiled
 21 *come*—am
 22 would not turn—turned not away
 26 was written—is written
 good deeds—gracious deeds
- XXXVI. 3 an—a
 13 turning—returning
 14 heathen—nations
 23 is there—there is (to avoid ambiguity of *there*)
 The rendering of A. V. in xiv. 10 & xv. 2 “to meet” is thought
 to justify a change of II. Sam. xx. 8 into, And Amasa went (or
 came) to meet them.

ADDENDA.

Josh. vi. 26 should be conformed to 1 Kin. xvi. 34

1 Sam. xvii. 44, 46 the air—heaven

2 Sam. xxi. 10 the air—heaven

Isa. xxxvi. 22, xxxvii. 2 house—household (as 2 Kin. xviii. 37,
xix. 2)

Ezek. xl. 40 entry—entrance.

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EZRA.

- I. 1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, 2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, "All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD the God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3 Whosoever there is among you of all his people, his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD the God of Israel, (¹he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. 4 And whosoever is left in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God ~~that~~ is in Jerusalem. 5 Then rose up the heads of fathers' *houses* of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, even all whose spirit God had stirred to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem. 6 And all they that were round about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered. 7 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the

¹ Or, he is the God which is in Jerusalem.

LORD, which Nebucadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods; 8 even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. 9 And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives, 10 thirty bowls of gold, silver bowls of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand. 11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up, when they of the captivity were brought up.

- II. from Babylon unto Jerusalem. 1 Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity of those ~~which~~ had been carried away, whom ¹Nebucadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and that returned unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city; 2 ~~which~~ came with Zerubabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, ²Seraiah, ³Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, ⁴Mispar, Bigvai, ⁵Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: 3 the children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two. 4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two. 5 The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five. 6 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve. 7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five. 9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and three-score. 10 The children of ⁶Bani, six hundred forty and two. 11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three. 12 The children of

¹ Heb. *Nebucadnezzor*.

² In Neh. vii. 7, *Azariah*.

³ Or, *Raamiah*.

⁴ Or, *Mispereth*.

⁵ Or, *Nehum*.

⁶ In Neh. vii.

15, *Binnui*.

Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two. 13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six. 14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six. 15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four. 16 The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. 17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three. 18 The children of ¹Jorah, an hundred and twelve. 19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three. 20 The children of ²Gibbar, ninety and five. 21 The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and three. 22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six. 23 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight. 24 The children of ³Azmaveth, forty and two. 25 The children of ⁴Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three. 26 The children of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and one. 27 The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two. 28 The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three. 29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two. 30 The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six. 31 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. 33 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five. 34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. 35 The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty. 36 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three. 37 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. 38 The children of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. 39 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. 40 The

¹ In Neh. vii. 24, *Hariph*.

² In Neh. vii. 25, *Gibeon*.

³ In Neh. vii. 28, *Beth-azmaveth*.

⁴ In Neh. vii. 29, *Kirjath-jearim*.

Levites : the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of ¹Hodaviah, seventy and four.

41 The singers : the children of Asaph, ~~an~~ hundred twenty and eight. 42 The children of the porters : the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all ~~an~~ hundred thirty and nine.

43 The Nethinim : the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth, 44 the children of Keros, the children of ²Siaha, the children of Padon, 45 the children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub, 46 the children of Hagab, the children of ³Shamlai, the children of Hanan, 47 the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah, 48 the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam, 49 the children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai, 50 the children of Asnah, the children of Meunim, the children of ⁴Nephisim, 51 the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, 52 the children of ⁵Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, 53 the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Temah, 54 the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha. 55 The children of Solomon's servants : the children of Sotai, the children of Hassophereth, the children of ⁶Peruda, 56 the children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, 57 the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the children of ⁷Ami. 58 All the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two. 59 And these were they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha,

¹ Or, *Judah*, ch. iii. 9. In Neh. vii. 43, *Hodevah*.

² In Neh. vii. 47, *Sia*.

³ In Neh. vii. 48, *Salmal*.

⁴ Or, *Nephusim*. In Neh. vii. 52, *Nephushesim*.

⁵ In Neh. vii. 54, *Bazlith*.

⁶ In Neh. vii. 57, *Perida*.

⁷ In Neh. vii. 59, *Amen*.

Cherub, ¹Addan, *and* Immer: but they could not shew their fathers' houses, and their seed, whether they were of Israel: 60 the children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two. 61 And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai, ~~which~~ took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name: 62 these sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore ²were they deemed polluted and put from the priesthood. 63 And the ³Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim. 64 The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, 65 beside their men servants, and their maid servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred singing men and singing women. 66 Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five; 67 their camels, four hundred thirty and five; *their* asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty. 68 And some of the heads of fathers' houses, when they came to the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in its place: 69 they gave after their ability unto the treasury of the work threescore and one thousand ~~drams~~ of gold, and five thousand pounds of silver, and one hundred priests' garments. 70 So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinim, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

¹ In Neh. vii. 61, *Addon*.

² Heb. *they were polluted from the priesthood.*
³ Or, *governor*:
 See Neh. viii. 9.

III. 1 And when the seventh month was come, the children of Israel ~~were~~ in the cities; ~~and~~ the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. 2 Then ~~stood~~ up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. 3 And they set the altar upon its base; for fear was upon them because of the people of the countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, even burnt offerings morning and evening. 4 And they kept the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and *offered* the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the ordinance, as the duty of every day required; 5 and afterward the continual burnt offering, and *the offering* of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD. 6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD: but the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid. 7 They gave money also unto the ¹masons, and to the carpenters; and ~~meat~~, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the

¹ Or, *heavers*.

Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to ¹have the oversight of the work of the house of the LORD. 9 Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of ²Judah, ~~together~~, to have the oversight of the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites. 10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, ³they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the order of David king of Israel. 11 And they sang one to another in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD, *saying*, For he is good, for his mercy *endureth* for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. 12 But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' *houses*, the old men that had seen ⁴the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: 13 so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

- IV. 1 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded a temple unto the LORD the God of Israel; 2 then they *came* to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of fathers' *houses*, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; ⁵and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assyria, ~~which~~ brought us up hither. 3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers'

¹ Or, *preside over*.

² In ii. 40, *Hodaviah*.

³ According to some MSS. and ancient versions, *the priests stood*.

⁴ Or, *the first house standing on its foundation, this house being before their eyes*.

⁵ Another reading is, *we do no sacrifice since*, &c.

houses of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build ~~an~~ house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD the God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us. 4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and ¹troubled them in building, 5 and hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia. 6 And in the reign of ²Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of ³Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of his companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian character, and ~~set forth~~ in the Syrian tongue. 8 Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort: 9 then *wrote* Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, and the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Shushanchites, the Dehaites, the Elamites, 10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnappar brought over, and set in the city of Samaria, and the rest of *the country* beyond the river, and so forth. 11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the men beyond the river, and so forth. 12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee are come to us unto Jerusalem; they are building the rebellious and the bad city, and have finished the walls, and repaired the foundations. 13 Be

¹ Or, *terrified*.

² Heb.
Ahashverosh.

³ Heb.
Artahshasta.

it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls finished, they will not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and in the end it will ~~endamage~~ the kings. 14 Now because we eat the salt of the palace, and it is not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king; 15 that search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have ~~moved~~ sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city laid waste. 16 We certify the king that, if this city be builded, and the walls finished, by this means thou shalt have no portion beyond the river. 17 *Then* sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and ¹the rest *of the country* beyond the river, Peace, and so forth. 18 The letter which ye sent unto us, hath been plainly read before me. 19 And I ~~decree~~, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein. 20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, ~~which~~ have ruled over all *the country* beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them. 21 Make ye now a decree to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until a decree shall be made by me. 22 And take heed that ye ~~be not slack~~ herein: ²lest damage grow to the hurt of the kings. 23 Then when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and

¹ Or, *unto the rest beyond, &c.*

² Or, *why should damage, &c.?*

¹ Chald. by
arm and
power.

made them to cease ¹by main force. 24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

² Or, which
was upon them.

V. 1 Now the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem; in the name of the God of Israel ²*prophesied they* unto them. 2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and with them the prophets of God, helping them. 3 At the same time came to them Tattenai, the governor beyond the river, and Shethar-bozenai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to ~~make up~~ this wall? 4 ³Then told we them after this manner, what were the names of the men that made this building. 5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, and they caused them not to cease, till the matter ~~came~~ to Darius; and ~~then they~~ returned answer by letter concerning it. 6 The copy of the letter that Tattenai, the governor beyond the river, and Shethar-bozenai, and his companions the Apharsachites, ~~which~~ were beyond the river, sent unto Darius the king: 7 they sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace. 8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of ~~Judea~~, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth on with diligence and prospereth in their hands. 9 Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to ~~make up~~ this wall? 10 We

³ Or, Then
spoke we unto
them after this
manner.

What are the
names of the
men that
make this
building?

Or, according
to some ancient
versions, Then
said they unto
them, &c.

What are, &c.

asked them their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were at the head of them. 11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and finished. 12 But ¹because ~~that~~ our fathers

¹ Or, after that.

had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebucadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon. 13 But in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, Cyrus the king made a decree to build this house of God. 14 And the gold and silver vessels also of the house of God, which Nebucadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one, whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor; 15 and he said unto him, Take these vessels, go, put them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in its place. 16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundations of the house of God which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and yet it is not finished. 17 Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his

VI. pleasure to us concerning this matter. 1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the ²archives, where

² Chald. books.

¹ That is,
Ecbatana.

the treasures were laid up in Babylon. 2 And there was found at ¹Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of Media, a roll, and therein was thus written for a record. 3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king made a decree; Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the house be builded, the place where they offer sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be ~~strongly~~ laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits; 4 with three rows of great stones, and ²a ~~row~~ of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house: 5 and also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebucadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to its place, and thou shalt place them in the house of God. 6 Now therefore, Tattenai, governor beyond the river, Shethar-bozenai, and ³your companions the Apharsachites, ~~which~~ are beyond the river, be ye far from thence: 7 let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place. 8 Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to these elders of the Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, expenses be given with all diligence unto these men, that they be not hindered. 9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for burnt offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests ~~which~~ are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day

² According to
the LXX, *one*
row of timber.

³ Chald. *their*.

without fail: 10 that they may offer sacrifices of sweet savour unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

11 Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let a beam be pulled out from his house, and being lifted up, let him be fixed thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this: 12 and the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and peoples, that shall put forth their hand to alter *the same*, to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with all diligence.

13 Then Tattenai, the governor beyond the river, Shethar-bozenai, and their companions,¹ because ~~that~~ Darius the king had sent, after this manner did they diligently. 14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. 15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. 16 And the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy. 17 And they offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. 18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service

¹ Or, according to that which, &c. so did they.

of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month. 20 For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves as one man; all of them were pure; and they killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. 21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of the captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD the God of Israel, did eat, 22 and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

VII. 1 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, 2 the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, 3 the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, 4 the son of Zerariah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, 5 the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest: 6 this Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD the God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him. 7 And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinim, unto Jerusalem, in the

seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. 8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. 9 For upon the first day of the first month ¹began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. 10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

¹ Heb. *that was the foundation of the going up.*

11 Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even the scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel. 12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect, and so forth. 13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and their priests and the Levites, in my realm, ~~which~~ are minded of their own freewill to go to Jerusalem, go with thee. 14 Forasmuch as thou art sent ²of the king, and his seven counselors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in ~~thine~~ hand; 15 and to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, 16 and all the silver and gold that thou shalt find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem; 17 therefore thou shalt buy with all diligence with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meal offerings and their drink offerings, and shalt offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem. 18 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee and to

² Chald. *from before the king.*

thy brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do ye after the will of your God. 19 And the vessels that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem. 20 And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure house. 21 And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done with all diligence, 22 unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred cors of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much. 23 Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done exactly for the house of the God of heaven; lest there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons. 24 Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinim, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them. 25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, appoint magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye him that knoweth them not. 26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed upon him with all diligence, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

27 Blessed be the LORD the God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which

is in Jerusalem: 28 and hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened according to the hand of the LORD my God upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

VIII. 1 Now these are the heads of their fathers' houses, and this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king. 2 Of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel: of the sons of David, Hattush. 3 Of the sons of Shecaniah; of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred and fifty. 4 Of the sons of Pahath-moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerariah; and with him two hundred males. 5 Of the sons of Shecaniah, the son of Jahaziel; and with him three hundred males. 6 And of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan; and with him fifty males. 7 And of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah; and with him seventy males. 8 And of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael; and with him fourscore males. 9 Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel; and with him two hundred and eighteen males. 10 And of the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah; and with him an hundred and threescore males. 11 And of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai; and with him twenty and eight males. 12 And of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan; and with him an hundred and ten males. 13 And of the sons of Adonikam, the last; and these are their names, Eliphelet, Jeyel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore

males. 14 And of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai, and ¹Zabbud; and with them seventy males.

15 And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there we encamped three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi. 16 Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, ~~which~~ were teachers. 17 And

²I sent them forth unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia; and I told them what they should say unto ³Iddo, *and* his brethren, the Nethinim, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God. 18 And according to the good hand of our God upon

us they brought us ⁴a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen; 19 and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty; 20 and of the Nethinim, whom David and the princes had given for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinim: all of them were expressed by name. 21 Then

I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might ⁵afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a ⁶right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. 22 For I was ashamed to ask of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is for good upon all them that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him. 23 So we fasted and besought

¹ Another reading is *Zaccur*.

² Another reading is *I gave them commandment*.

³ The text has *Iddo, his brother*.

⁴ Or, *Ish-sechel*.

⁵ Or, *humble*.

⁶ Or, *even*.

our God for this : and he was intreated of us.

24 Then I separated twelve of the chiefs of the priests, ¹Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them, 25 and weighed

¹ Or, unto Sherebiah.

unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering for the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his princes, and all Israel there present, had offered : 26 I even weighed into their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents ; of gold an hundred talents ; 27 and twenty bowls of gold, of a thousand darics ; and two vessels of fine bright brass, precious as gold. 28 And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto the LORD, and the vessels holy ; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto the LORD the God of your fathers. 29 Watch ye, and keep them, until

ye weigh them before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and the princes of the fathers' houses of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD. 30 So the priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God. 31

Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem : and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and of liers in wait by the way. 32 And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days. 33 And on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house

of our God ²into the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest ; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas ; and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, the Levites ; 34 the whole by number and

² Or, by.

by weight: and all the weight was written at that time. 35 The children of the captivity, ^{also there were many} which were come out of exile, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats for a sin offering: all this was a burnt offering unto the LORD. 36 And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's satraps, and to the governors beyond the river: and they furthered the people and the house of God.

- IX. 1 Now when these things were done, the princes drew near unto me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. 2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons; so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the peoples of the lands: yea, the hand of the ^{Or, deputies.} princes and ^{Or, deputies.} rulers hath been first in this trespass. 3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished. 4 Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the trespass of the captivity; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice. 5 And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my ^{Or, humiliation; or, fasting.} 2affliction, even with my garment and my mantle rent; and I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God; 6 and I said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased

over our head, and our guiltiness is grown up unto the heavens. 7 Since the days of our fathers we have been in great guilt unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to spoiling, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. 8 And now for a little moment grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a ¹nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. 9 For we are bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the ²ruins thereof, and to give us a ³wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. 10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, 11 which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land through the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their filthiness. 12 Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their prosperity for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever. 13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, seeing that thou our God hast ⁴punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such a remnant, 14 shall we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the peoples

¹ Or, pin: See Isai. xxii. 23.

² Or, wastes.

³ Or, fence.

⁴ Heb. hast withheld thy wrath downward from (or, lower than) our iniquities.

that do these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor any to escape? 15 O LORD the God of Israel, thou art righteous; for we are left a remnant to escape, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our guiltiness; for none can stand before thee because of this.

- X. 1 Now when Ezra prayed, and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore. 2 And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have married¹ strange women of the peoples of the land: yet now there is hope for Israel concerning this thing. 3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of¹ my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. 4 Arise; for the matter belongeth unto thee, and we are with thee: be of good courage, and do it. 5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chiefs of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they would do according to this word. So they sware. 6 Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib: ²and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the trespass of the captivity. 7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jeru-

¹ Or,
the Lord.

² According to
some ancient
versions, and
he lodged there.

sa^{lem} ; 8 and that whosoever came not within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be ¹forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of the captivity. 9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within the three days ; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month : and all the people sat in the broad place before the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for ²the great rain. 10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have trespassed, and have married strange women, to increase the guilt of Israel. 11 Now therefore ³make confession unto the LORD the God of your fathers, and do his pleasure : and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the strange women. 12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do. 13 But the people are many, and it is ⁴a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither is this a work of one day or two : for ⁵we have greatly transgressed in this matter. 14 Let now our princes ⁶be appointed for all the congregation, and let all them that are in our cities which have married strange women come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God be turned from us, until this matter be dispatched. 15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah ⁷were appointed over this matter : and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. 16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain heads of fathers' houses, after their fathers' houses, and all of

¹ Heb. devoted.² Heb. the rains.³ Or, give thanks.⁴ Or, the time of rains.⁵ Or, we are many that have transgressed.⁶ Heb. stand.⁷ Or, stood up against this.

them by their names, were separated; and they
 sat down in the first day of the tenth month
 to examine the matter. 17 And they made an
 end with all the men that had married strange
 wives by the first day of the first month. 18
 And among the sons of the priests there were
 found that had married strange women: *namely*,
 of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak,
 and his brethren, Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and
 Jarib, and Gedaliah. 19 And they gave their
 hand that they would put away their wives; and
 being guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock
 for their guilt. 20 And of the sons of Immer;
 Hanani, and Zebadiah. 21 And of the sons of
 Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and
 Jehiel, and Uziah. 22 And of the sons of Pash-
 hur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel,
 Jozabad, and Elasa. 23 And of the Levites;
 Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same is
 Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. 24
 And of the singers; Eliashib: and of the
 porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. 25
 And of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah,
 and Izziah, and Malchijah, and Mijamin, and
 Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah. 26 And
 of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah,
 and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Elijah.
 27 And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib,
 Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and
 Aziza. 28 And of the sons of Bebai; Jehohanan,
 Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai. 29 And of the sons
 of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah,
 Jashub, and Sheal, 'Jeremoth. 30 And of the
 sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah,
 Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and
 Manasseh. 31 And *of* the sons of Harim;
 Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,
 32 Benjamin, Malluch, Shemariah. 33 Of the

' Another
 reading is *and*
Ramoth.

sons of Hashum ; Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei. 34 Of the sons of Bani ; Maadai, Amram, and Uel, 35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, ¹Cheluhi, 36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, 37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and ²Jaasu, 38 and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, 39 and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, 40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, 41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, 42 Shallum, Amariah, Joseph. 43 Of the sons of Nebo ; Jeiel, Mat-tithiah, Zabad, Zebina, ³Iddo, and Joel, Benaiah. 44 All these had ~~taken~~ strange wives : and ⁴some of them had wives by whom they had children.

¹ Another reading is *Cheluhu*.

² Another reading is *Jaasai*.

³ Another reading is *Jaddai*.

⁴ Or, *some of the wives had borne children*.

THE BOOK OF
NEHEMIAH.

I. I THE ¹words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. Now it came to pass in the month

¹ Or, *history*.

⁴ See ch. ii. 1.

Chislei, ²in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the castle, ² that Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, ~~which~~ were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. ³ And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. ⁴ And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days; and I fasted and prayed before the God of heaven, ⁵ and said, I beseech thee, O LORD the God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and keep his commandments: ⁶ let ²thine ear ³now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest ~~hear~~ the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee at this time, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, while I confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: yea, I and my father's house have sinned. ⁷ We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the command-

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ments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses. 8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye trespass, I will scatter you abroad among the peoples: 9 but if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though your outcasts were in the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to cause my name to dwell there. 10 Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. 11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who delight to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. Now I was cupbearer to the king.

- II. 1 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, when wine was before him, that I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I ¹ had never been sad in his presence. 2 And the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid. 3 And I said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? 4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me

¹ Or, was not displeasing before him.

unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. 6 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. 7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may let me through till I come into Judah; 8 and a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's ¹forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the castle which appertaineth to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me. 9 Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me captains of the army and horsemen. 10 And when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly, that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. 11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. 12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God ~~had~~ put in my heart to do for Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon. 13 And I went out by night by the valley gate, even toward the dragon's well, and to the dung gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. 14 Then I went on to the fountain gate and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me

¹ Or, park.

to pass. 15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall; and I turned back, and entered by the valley gate, and so returned. 16 And the ¹rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the ¹rulers, nor to the rest that did the work. 17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the evil case that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. 18 And I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also of the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the good work. 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king? 20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

III. 1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of ²Hammeah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel. 2 And next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri. 3 And the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. 4 And

² Or, The hundred.

next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Hakkoz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Bērechiah, the son of Meshezabēel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana. 5 And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their ¹lord. 6 And ²the old gate repaired Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. 7 And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, ³unto the ⁴throne of the governor beyond the river. 8 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths. And next unto him repaired Hananiah ⁵one of the ⁶apothecaries, and they ⁷fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall. 9 And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem. 10 And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabneiah. 11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab, repaired another portion, and the tower of the furnaces. 12 And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Hallohesh, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters. 13 The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits of the wall unto the dung gate. 14 And the dung gate repaired Malchijah the son of Rechab, the ruler of the district of Beth-haccerem; he built it, and set up the

¹ Or, Lord;
or, lords.

² Or, the gate
of the old city,
or, of the old
wall.

³ Or towards.

⁴ Or, who
belonged to
the jurisdiction
of the governor,
&c.

⁵ Heb. son of.

⁶ Or,
perfumers.

⁷ Or, paved;
or, left.

doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. 15 And the fountain gate repaired Shal-lun the son of Col-hozeh, the ruler of the district of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of ¹Shelah by the king's garden, even unto the stairs that go down from the city of David. 16 After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, unto the place over against the sepulchres of David, and unto the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty men. 17 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of half the district of Keilah, for his district. 18 After him repaired their brethren, Bayvai the son of Henadad, the ruler of half the district of Keilah. 19 And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another portion over against the going up to the armoury at the turning *of the wall*. 20 After him Baruch the son of ²Zabbai earnestly repaired another portion, from the turning *of the wall* unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. 21 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Hakkoz another portion, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib. 22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the Plain. 23 After him repaired Benjamin and Hasshub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah beside his own house. 24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another portion, from the house of Azariah unto the turning *of the wall*, and unto the corner. 25 Palal the son of

¹ In Isai. viii.
6, *Shiloah*.

² Another
reading is
Zaccui.

¹ Or, *the upper tower, &c. from the house of the king.*

Uzai, over against the turning *of the wall*, and ¹ the tower which standeth out from the upper house of the king, that is by the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh; 26 now the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel; unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that standeth out. 27 After him the Tekoites repaired another portion, over against the great tower that standeth out, and unto the wall of Ophel. 28 Above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his own house. 29 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his own house. And after him repaired Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the east gate. 30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another portion. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber. 31 After him repaired Malchijah ² one of the goldsmiths unto the house of the Nethinim, and of the merchants, over against the gate of Hammiphkad, and to the ³ ascent of the corner. 32 And between the ³ ascent of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

² Heb. *son of.*

³ Or, *upper chamber.*

IV.

⁴ chap. iii. 33. in Heb.

I ⁴ But it came to pass, when that Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and was sore vexed, and mocked the Jews. 2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? ⁵ will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, seeing they are burned? 3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a ⁶ fox go up, he shall break down their stone wall. 4 Hear, O

⁵ Or, *shall they be left to themselves?*

⁶ Or, *jackal.*

our God; for we are despised: and turn back their reproach upon their own head, and give them up to spoil in a land of captivity: 5 and cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked *thee* to anger before the builders. 6 So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto half *the height* thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem went forward, *and* that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth; 8 and they conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and to cause confusion therein. 9 But we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. 10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall. 11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come into the midst of them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease. 12 And it came to pass, that when the Jews *which* dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, from all places, Ye must return unto us. 13 Therefore set I in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in the open places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. 14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the ¹rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, *which* is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your

¹ Or, deputies.

houses. 15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work. 16 And it came to pass from that time forth, that half of my servants wrought in the work, and half of them held ~~both~~ the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the coats of mail; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. 17 They which builded the wall, both they that bare burdens, while they laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other held his weapon; 18 and the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me. 19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers¹ and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another. 20 In what place soever ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us. 21 So we wrought in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. 22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and may labour in the day. 23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, ²every one *went with* his weapon *to* the water for washing.

¹ The text is probably faulty.

V. 1 And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. 2 For there were that said, We, our sons and our daughters, are many: therefore let us get corn, that we may eat, and live. 3 Some

also there were that said, We are mortgaging our fields, and our vineyards, and our houses, ¹therefore let us get **corn**, because of the dearth. 4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute *upon* our fields and our vineyards. 5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought into bondage *already*: neither is it in our power to help it; for other men have our fields and our vineyards. 6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. 7 Then I consulted with myself, and contended with the nobles and the ²rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I held a great assembly against them. 8 And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, ~~which~~ were sold unto the **heathen**; and would ye even sell your brethren, ³that they should be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found never a word. 9 Also I said, The thing that ye do is not good: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God, because of the reproach of the **heathen** our enemies? 10 And shall I likewise, my brethren and my servants, exact of them money and **corn**? I pray you, let us leave off this usury. 11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their fields, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the **corn**, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them. 12 Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do, as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to

¹ Or, that we may get.

² Or, deputies.

³ Or, and should they be sold.

this promise. 13 Also I shook out my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise. 14 Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that is*, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor. 15 But the former governors that were before me ¹were chargeable unto the people, and took of them bread and wine, ²beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants ³bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God. 16 Yea, also I held fast to the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work. 17 Moreover there were at my table of the Jews and the ⁴rulers ~~an~~ hundred and fifty men, beside those that came unto us from among ⁵the nations that were round about us. 18 Now that which was prepared for one day was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this I demanded not the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people. 19 Remember me, O my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

VI.

1 Now it came to pass, when it was reported to Sanballat and Tobiah, and to ⁶Geshem the Arabian, and unto the rest of our enemies, that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though even unto that

¹ Or, *laid burdens upon*.

² Or, *at the rate of; or, afterward*.

³ Or, *exercised lordship*.

⁴ Or, *deputies*.

⁵ Or, *the headmen that are about us*.

⁶ In ver. 6, *Gashmu*.

time I had not set up the doors in the gates;)
 2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me,
 saying, Come, let us meet together in *one of* the
 villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought
 to do me mischief. 3 And I sent messengers
 unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so
 that I cannot come down: why should the
 work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to
 you? 4 And they sent unto me four times after
 this sort; and I answered them after the same
 manner. 5 Then sent Sanballat his servant
 unto me in like manner the fifth time with
 an open letter in his hand; 6 wherein was
 written, It is reported among the nations, and
¹Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think
 to rebel; for which cause thou buildest the wall;
 and thou wouldest be their king: according to
 these words. 7 And thou hast also appointed
 prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying,
 There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be
 reported to the king according to these words.
 Come now therefore, and let us take counsel
 together. 8 Then I sent unto him, saying,
 There are no such things done as thou sayest,
 but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.
 9 For they all would have made us afraid,
 saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the
 work, that it be not done. But now, strengthen
 thou my hands. 10 And I went unto the house
 of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of
 Mehetabel, who was shut up; and he said, Let
 us meet together in the house of God, within
 the temple, and let us shut the doors of the
 temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea,
 in the night will they come to slay thee. 11
 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and
 who is there, that, being such as I, ²would
 go into the temple to save his life? I will not go

¹ In ver. 1, *Geshem.*

² Or, *would go into the temple and live.*

in. 12 And I discerned, and lo God had not sent him: but he pronounced this prophecy against me: and Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 For this cause was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me. 14 Remember, O my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and also the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear. 15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of *the month* Elul, in fifty and two days. 16 And it came to pass, when all our enemies heard *thereof*, that all the *heathen* that were about us feared, and were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God. 17 Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah ¹sent many letters unto Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came unto them. 18 For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah to wife. 19 Also they spake of his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. *And* Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

VII. 1 Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed, 2 that I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the governor of the castle, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. 3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand *on guard*, let them shut the doors, and bar ye

¹ Heb. *multiplied their letters going to Tobiah.*

them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one *to be* over against his house. 4 Now the city was wide and large: but the people were few therein, and there were no houses builded.

5 And my God put into ~~mine~~ heart to gather together the nobles, and the ¹rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy of them ~~which~~ came up at the first, and I found written therein; 6 These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity of those that had been carried away,

whom Nebucadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and that returned unto Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city; 7 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah,

²Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: 8 the children of Parosh, two thousand ~~an~~ hundred and seventy and two. 9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

10 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two. 11 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred *and* eighteen. 12 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five. 14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. 15 The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight. 16 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight. 17 The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two. 18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven. 19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven. 20 The

¹ Or, *deputies*.

² See Ezra ii. 2.

children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.

21 The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

22 The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight.

23 The children of ¹Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.

24 The children of Hariph, an hundred and twelve.

25 The children of Gibeon, ninety and five.

26 The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight.

27 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

28 The men of Beth-azmaveth, forty and two.

29 The men of Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.

30 The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and one.

31 The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two.

32 The men of Beth-el and Ai, an hundred twenty and three.

33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.

34 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

35 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

36 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.

38 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

39 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

40 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

41 The children of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

42 The children of Harim a thousand *and* seventeen.

43 The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, of the children of ²Hodevah, seventy and four.

44 The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty and eight.

45 The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of

¹ Or, *Jorah*.

² Another reading is *Hodeiah*.

Shobai, ^aan hundred thirty and eight. 46 The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth, 47 the children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon, 48 the children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Salmai, 49 the children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, 50 the children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, 51 the children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, 52 the children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of ¹Nephushesim, 53 the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, 54 the children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, 55 the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Temah, 56 the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha. 57 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida, 58 the children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, 59 the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth hazzebaim, the children of Amon. 60 All the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two. 61 And these were they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their fathers' houses, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel: 62 the children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two. 63 And of the priests: the children of Hobaiah, the children of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai, which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name. 64 These sought their register

¹ Another reading is *Nephishesim*.

among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they deemed polluted, and put from the priesthood.

¹ Or, *governor*.

65 And the ¹Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urin and Thummim. 66 The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, 67 beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women. 68 Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five: 69 *their* camels, four hundred thirty and five: *their* asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty. 70 And some from among the heads of fathers' houses gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasury a thousand *drams* of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. 71 And some of the heads of fathers' houses gave to the treasury of the work twenty thousand *drams* of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pounds of silver. 72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand *drams* of gold, and two thousand pounds of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments. 73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinim, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities. And when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

VIII. 1 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the broad place that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the

law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. 2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation, both men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read therein before the broad place that was before the water gate¹ from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women, and of those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were *attentive* unto the book of the law. 4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a² pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside stood him Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Uriah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: 6 and Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up of their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people *stood* in their place. 8 And they read in the book, in the law of God, distinctly; and they³ gave the sense, so that they⁴ understood the reading. 9 And Nehemiah, ~~which~~ was the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept,

¹ Heb. *from the light.*

² Heb. *tower.*

³ Or, *gave attention.*
⁴ Or, *caused them to understand.*

when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto him for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye grieved; for the joy of the LORD is your ¹strength. 11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved. 12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them. 13 And on the second day were gathered together the heads of fathers' *houses* of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to give attention to the words of the law. 14 And they found written in the law, how ~~that~~ the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month: 15 and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and branches of wild olive, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. 16 So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the broad place of the water gate, and in the broad place of the gate of Ephraim. 17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and dwelt in the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness. 18 Also

¹ Or, strong-hold.

day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a ¹solemn assembly, according unto the ordinance.

¹ Or, *closing festival.*

IX. ¹ Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth, and earth upon them. ² And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. ³ And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God a fourth part of the day; and a fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God. ⁴ Then stood up upon the stairs of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God. ⁵ Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethaiah, said, Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting: and ²blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. ⁶ Thou art ³the LORD, even thou alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are thereon, the seas, and all that is in them, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. ⁷ Thou art ⁴the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; ⁸ and foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the

² Or, *let them bless.*

³ Or, *O Lord.*

⁴ Or, *O Lord.*

Jebusite, and the Gergashite, even to give it unto his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous. 9 And thou sawest the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea; 10 and shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land; for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them; and didst get thee a name, as it is this day. 11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their pursuers thou didst cast into the depths, as a stone into the mighty waters. 12 Moreover thou leddest them by day in a pillar of cloud; and by ~~the~~ night in a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. 13 Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments and true laws, good statutes and commandments: 14 and madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them commandments, and statutes, and the law, by the hand of Moses thy servant: 15 and gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and ¹promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst lifted up thine hand to give them. 16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their neck, and hearkened not to thy commandments, 17 and refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their neck, ²and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a ³God ready to pardon, gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and forsookest them not.

¹ Or, *didst say unto them.*

² The LXX. has, *and appointed a captain to return to their bondage in Egypt.* See Num. xiv. 4.
³ Heb. *a God of forgiveness.*

18 ¹Yea, moreover they made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and wrought great provocations; 19 yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of cloud departed not from over them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to ~~show~~ ^{shew} them light, and the way wherein they should go. 20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldst not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. 21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, ~~that~~ ^{that} they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. 22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and peoples, and didst distribute them into every corner: so they possessed the land of Sihon, even the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. 23 Their children also multipliedest thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou ²hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. 24 So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would. 25 And they took fenced cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all good things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness. 26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their back, and slew thy pro-

* Or, Yea, when they had made, &c.

* Or, didst say.

phets which testified against them to turn them again unto thee, and they wrought great provocations. 27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their adversaries, who distressed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours who saved them out of the hand of their adversaries. 28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore ledest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies; 29 and testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and ¹withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. 30 Yet many years didst thou ~~forbear~~ them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit through thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. 31 Nevertheless in thy manifold mercies, thou didst not ²utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God. 32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the travail seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. 33 Howbeit thou art

¹ Heb.
they gave
a stubborn
shoulder.

² Or, make a
full end of
them.

just in all that is come upon us; for thou hast dealt truly, but we have done wickedly: 34 neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them. 35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works. 36 Behold, we are servants this day, and as for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it. 37 And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.

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38 And ¹yet for all this we make a faithful covenant, and write it; and our princes, our Levites, ¹ Or, *because of.*
X. *and* our priests, ²seal unto it. ¹ Now those that ² Heb. *are at the sealing.*
sealed were, Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah, 2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, 4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, 6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, 8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these were the priests. 9 And the Levites: namely, Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; 10 and their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, 11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah, 12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, 13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu. 14 The chief of the people; Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, 15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, 16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, 17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,

18 Hodia, Hashum, Bezai, 19 Hariph, Anathoth, ¹ Nobai, 20 Magpiash, Meshulam, Hezir, 21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, 22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, 23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub, 24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek, 25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, 26 and Ahiah, Hanan, Anan, 27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah. 28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinim, and all they that had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one that had knowledge and understanding; 29 they clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes; 30 and that we would not give our daughters unto the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons: 31 and if the peoples of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy of them on the sabbath, or on a holy day: and that we would forgo the ² seventh year, and the ³ exaction of every debt. 32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God; 33 for the shewbread, and for the continual meal offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, even for all the work of the house of our God. 34 And we cast lots, the priests, the Levites, and the people,

¹ Or, *Nebai*.

² Ex. xxiii. 10, 11.

³ Deut. xv.

1, 2.

for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the law: 35 and to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all manner of trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD: 36 also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God: 37 and that we should bring the firstfruits of our ¹dough, and our heave offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of ²wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites; for they, the Levites, ³take the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. 38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house. 39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the heave offering of the corn, of ⁴the wine, and of the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

¹ Or, coarse meal.

² Or, the vintage.

³ Or, pay.

⁴ Or, the vintage.

XI. 1 And the princes of the people dwelt in Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts in the *other* cities. 2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell in Jerusalem. 3 ⁵ Now these are the chiefs of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of

⁵ 1 Chron. ix. 2, &c.

Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, *to wit*, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants. 4 And in Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the children of Perez; 5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of the Shilonite. 6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt in Jerusalem were four hundred threescore and eight valiant men. 7 And these are the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiiah. 8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight. 9 And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer: and Judah the son of Hassenuah was second over the city. 10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin, 11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God; 12 and their brethren that did the work of the house, eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Anzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchiah, 13 and his brethren, chiefs of fathers' houses, two hundred forty and two: and Amashsai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, 14 and their brethren, mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer

was Zabdiel, ¹the son of Haggedolim. 15 And of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; 16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chiefs of the Levites, who had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God. 17 And Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the chief, who began the thanksgiving in prayer, and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. 18 All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred fourscore and four. 19 Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren, that kept watch at the gates, were an hundred seventy and two. 20 And the residue of Israel, of the priests, the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance. 21 But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim. 22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, of the sons of Asaph, the singers, for the business of the house of God. 23 For there was a commandment from the king concerning them, and a sure ordinance concerning the singers, as the duty of every day required. 24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people. 25 And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt in Kirjath-arba, and the ²hamlets thereof, and in Dibon, and the hamlets thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and in the villages thereof, 26 and Jeshua, and Moladah, and Beth-pelet, 27 and in Hazar-shual, and in

¹ Or, one of the great men.

² Heb. daughters.

Beersheba, and the hamlets thereof, 28 and in Ziklag, and in Meconah, and in the hamlets thereof, 29 and in En-rimmon, and in Zorah, and Jarmuth, 30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, in Lachish, and the fields thereof, in Azekah, and the hamlets thereof. So they encamped from Beersheba unto the valley of Hinnom. 31 The children also of Benjamin

¹ Or, *from Geba dwelt.*

² Or *to Michmash.*

³ Or, *Ge-hakarashim.*
See 1 Chron.
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¹dwelt from Geba ²at Michmash and Aija, and at Beth-el and the hamlets thereof; 32 at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, 33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, 34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, 35 Lod, and Ono, ³the valley of craftsmen. 36 And of the Levites there were courses of Judah *assigned* to Benjamin. 1 Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua : Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, 2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, 3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, 4 Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah, 5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, 6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah, 7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the chiefs of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua. 8 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah, ~~which~~ was over ⁴the thanksgiving, he and his brethren. 9 Also Bakkukiah and Unno, their brethren, were over against them in wards. 10 And Jeshua begat Joiakim, and Joiakim begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada, 11 and Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua. 12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, heads of fathers' houses: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; 13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; 14 of ⁵Malluchi, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; 15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; 16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; 17 of Abijah, Zichri;

⁵ Or, *Melicu.*

of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai; 18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; 19 and of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; 20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; 21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel. 22 The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were recorded heads of fathers' *houses*: also the priests, ¹in the reign of Darius the Persian. 23 The sons of Levi, heads of fathers' *houses*, were written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib. 24 And the chiefs of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward against ward. 25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were porters keeping the ward at the ²storehouses of the gates. 26 These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

¹ Or, *to*.

² Or, *treasuries*, or, *assemblies*.

27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps. 28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the Plain round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of the Netophathites; 29 also from ³the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem. 30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves; and they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall. 31 Then I brought

³ Or, *Beth-gilgal*.

up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks ¹as they went; *whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate: 32 and after them went Hoshaiiah, and half of the princes of Judah, 33 and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, 34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, 35 and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph; 36 and his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azareel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God; and Ezra the scribe was before them: 37 and by the fountain gate, and straight before them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward. 38 And the other company of them that gave thanks went to meet them, and I after them, with the half of the people, upon the wall, above the tower of the furnaces, even unto the broad wall; 39 and above the gate of Ephraim, and by ²the old gate, and by the fish gate, and the tower of Hanan³el, and the tower ³Hameah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the gate of the guard. 40 So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the ⁴rulers with me: 41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; 42 and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchiah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer. 43*

¹ Heb. and processions.

² Or, the gate of the old city, or, of the old wall.

³ Or, The hundred.

⁴ Or, deputies.

And they offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: and the women also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off. 44 And on that day were men appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the heave offerings, for the first-fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them according to the fields of the cities the portions¹ appointed by the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that² waited. 45 And they kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, and there were the singers and the porters according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son. 46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old³ there was a chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. 47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, as every day required: and they sanctified for the Levites; and the Levites sanctified for the children of Aaron.

¹ Heb. of the law.² Heb. stood.³ Another reading is, there were chiefs.

XIII. 1 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that an Ammonite and a Moabite enter not into the assembly of God for ever; 2 because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, to curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing. 3 And it came to pass, when they heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

4 And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the⁴ chambers of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah: 5 and he had prepared for him a great

⁴ Heb. chamber.

chamber, where aforetime they laid the meal offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the wine, and the oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the heave offerings for the priests. 6 But during all this I was not at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went unto the king, and after certain days asked I leave of the king: 7 and I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. 8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber. 9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meal offerings and the frankincense. 10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them; so that the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. 11 Then contended I with the ¹rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. 12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the wine and the oil unto the treasuries. 13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their business was to distribute unto their brethren. 14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my ²good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the observances thereof.

¹ Or, deputies.

² Heb.
kindnesses.

15 In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in ¹sheaves, and lading asses *there-with*; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified ²*against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals. 16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought in fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. 17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? 18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. 19 And it came to pass, that ³when it grew dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I over the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. 20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. 21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye ⁴about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath. 22 And I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

23 In those days also saw I the Jews that ⁵had married women of Ashdod, of Ammon,

¹ Or, *heaps of corn.*

² Or, *against the day.*

³ Heb. *when the gates of Jerusalem cast a long shadow.*

⁴ Heb. *before.*

⁵ Heb. *had made to dwell with them.*

and of Moab: 24 and their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. 25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, *saying*, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons, or for yourselves. 26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, and he was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did strange women cause to sin. 27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to trespass against our God in marrying strange women? 28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me. 29 Remember them, O my God, ¹because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites. 30 Thus cleansed I them from ²all strangers, and appointed wards for the priests and for the Levites, every one in his work; 31 and for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

¹ Heb. *for the defilings of, &c.*

² Or, *every-thing strange.*

THE BOOK OF

ESTHER.

- I. 1 Now it came to pass in the days of ¹Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, ¹ Heb. *Ahashverosh*, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces :) ² in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the ²palace, ³ in the third year of ² Or, *castle*. his reign, that he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him : ⁴ when he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days. ⁵ And when these days were fulfilled, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace ; ⁶ *there were hangings* of white, ³green, and blue, fastened ³ Or, *cotton*. with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble : the couches were of gold and silver, upon a pavement ⁴of red, and white, and yellow, and black, marble. ⁷ And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the ⁵bounty of the king. ⁸ And the drinking ⁵ Heb. *hand*. was according to the law ; none did compel :

for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure. 9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus. 10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven eunuchs that ministered in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, 11 to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on. 12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by the eunuchs: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him. 13 Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment: 14 and the next unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, and sat first in the kingdom;) 15 What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not done the bidding of the king Ahasuerus by the eunuchs? 16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the peoples that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus. 17 For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so as to make their husbands contemptible in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. 18 And this day shall the princesses

of Persia and Media which have heard of the deed of the queen say *the like* unto all the king's princes. So shall there be ¹contempt and wrath enough. 19 If it please the king, let there go forth a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, ²that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate ³unto another that is better than she. 20 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his kingdom, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small. 21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan: 22 for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and should speak according to the language of his people.

¹ Or, *too much contempt and wrath.*

² Heb. *that it pass not away.*

³ Heb. *unto her companion.*

- II. 1 After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her. 2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king: 3 and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's ⁴chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them: 4 and let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

⁴ Or, *eunuch.*

5. There was a certain Jew in Shushan the palace, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite; 6 who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with ¹Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebucadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. 7 And he ²brought up Hadassah, that is Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maiden was ³fair and beautiful; and when her father and mother were dead, Mordecai took her for his own daughter. 8 So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was taken into the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. 9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with her portions, and the seven maidens, which were ~~meat~~ to be given her, out of the king's house: and he removed her and her maidens to the best place of the house of the women. 10 Esther had not ~~shewed~~ her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew it. 11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her. 12 Now when the turn of every maiden was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that it had been done to her according to the law for the women, twelve months, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit*, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with the things for the

¹ In 2 Kin. xxiv. 6.

Jehoiachin.

² Heb. *nourished.*

³ Heb. *fair of form, and good of countenance.*

purifying of the women;) 13 ¹when the maiden came unto the king, whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house. 14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned again into the house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name. 15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. 16 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. 17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. 18 Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he made a ²release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the ³bounty of the king. 19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate. 20 Esther had not yet ~~showed~~ her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him. 21 In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept ⁴the door, were

¹ Or, then in this wise came the maiden to the king; whatsoever, &c.

² Heb. rest.

³ Heb. hand.

⁴ Heb. the threshold.

wroth, and sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus. 22 And the thing was known to Mordecai, who ~~shewed~~ it unto Esther the queen; and Esther ~~told~~ the king *thereof* in the name of Mordecai. 23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, and it was found to be so, they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

- III. 1 After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him. 2 And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed down, and did reverence to Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not down, nor did him reverence. 3 Then the king's servants, ~~which~~ were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment? 4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's ¹matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew. 5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not down, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. 6 But he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had ~~shewed~~ him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai. 7 In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, *to* the twelfth *month*, that is, the month Adar. 8 And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and

¹ Or, words.

dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from *those of every people*; neither keep they the king's laws: ~~therefore~~ it is not ¹for the king's profit to suffer them. 9 If it please the king, let it be written that they be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those that have the charge of the *king's* business, to bring it into the king's treasuries. 10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' ²enemy. 11 And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee. 12 Then were the king's ³scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman commanded unto the king's satraps, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people; to every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and it was sealed with the king's ring. 13 And letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey. 14 A copy of the writing ⁴that the decree should be given out in every province was published unto all the peoples, that they should be ready against that day. 15 The posts ⁵went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given out in Shushan the palace: and the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Shushan was perplexed.

¹ Or, meet for the king.

² Or, oppressor.

³ Or, secretaries.

⁴ Or, to be given out for a decree.

⁵ Or, went out in haste at the king's commandment.

IV. 1 Now when Mordecai knew all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry: 2 and he came even before the king's gate: for none might enter within the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. 3 And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and ¹many lay in sackcloth and ashes. 4 And Esther's maidens and her chamberlains came and told it her; and the queen was exceedingly grieved: and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take his sackcloth from off him: but he received it not. 5 Then called Esther for Hathach, one of the king's chamberlain's, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and charged him to go to Mordecai, to know what this was, and why it was. 6 So Hathach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which was before the king's gate. 7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the full account of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. 8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her; and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him, for her people. 9 And Hathach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. 10 Then Esther spake unto Hathach, and gave him a message unto Mordecai, *saying*; 11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether

¹ Heb. sackcloth and ashes were spread under many.

man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law for him, that he be put to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days. 12 And they told ~~to~~ Mordecai Esther's words. 13 Then Mordecai bade them return answer unto Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. 14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy father's house shall perish: and who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this? 15 Then Esther bade them return answer unto Mordecai, 16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast in like manner; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. 17 So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

- V. 1 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the ~~gate~~ of the house. 2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. 3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen

Esther? and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be given thee.

4 And Esther said, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that it may be done as Esther hath said.

So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

6 And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the

kingdom it shall be performed.

7 Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request is;

8 If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king

to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will

do to morrow according to the king's word.

9 Then went Haman forth that day joyful and glad of heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai

in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor

1 moved for him, he was full of wrath against Mordecai.

10 Nevertheless Haman refrained himself, and went home; and he sent and

fetched his friends, and Zeresh his wife.

11 And Haman recounted unto them the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children,

and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him

above the princes and servants of the king.

12 Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen ~~did~~ let no man come in with the king

unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to morrow also am I invited by her together with the king.

13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai

¹ Or, trembled before him.

the Jew sitting at the king's gate. 14 Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a ¹gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and in the morning speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

¹ Heb. *tree*.

VI. 1 On that night could not the king sleep; and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles, and they were read before the king. 2 And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, of those which kept the ²door, who had sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. 3 And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him. 4 And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. 5 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. 6 So Haman came in; and the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman said in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself? 7 And Haman said unto the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour, 8 let royal apparel be brought which the king hath worn, and a horse upon which the king hath ridden, and ³on the head of which a crown royal is set: 9 and let this apparel and horse

² Heb. *threshold*.

³ Or, *and the crown royal which is set upon his head*.

be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and cause him to ride on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour. 10 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken. 11 Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and caused him to ride through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour. 12 And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hasted to his house mourning, and having his head covered. 13 And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai, before whom thou hast begun to fall, be of the seed of the Jews, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him. 14 While they were yet talking with him, the king's chamberlains came, and hasted to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

VII. 1 So the king and Haman came ¹to banquet with Esther the queen. 2 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? and it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom. 3 Then Esther the queen answered and said,

¹ Heb.
to drink.

If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: 4 for we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my peace, ¹for the adversary would not have availed to the king's damage. 5 Then spake the king Ahasuerus and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so? 6 And Esther said, The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. 7 And the king arose from the banquet of wine in his wrath *and went* into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. 8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the couch whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he even force the queen before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. 9 Then said Harbonah, one of the chamberlains that were before the king, Behold also, the ²gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai, who spake good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. And the king said, Hang him thereon. 10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath appeased.

¹ Or, but the adversary could not have recompensed the king's damage; or, for our affliction is not to be compared with the king's damage.

² Heb. tree.

VIII. 1 On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was unto

her. 2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman. 3 And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews. 4 Then the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre. So Esther arose, and stood before the king. 5 And she said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews which are in all the king's provinces: 6 for how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? ~~or~~ how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred? 7 Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews. 8 ~~Write ye also~~ ¹to the Jews, as it ~~liketh~~ you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse. 9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time, in the third month, which is the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors and ~~rulers~~ of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province ac-

¹ Or, concern-
ing.

cording to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language. 10 And he wrote in the name of king Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, riding on ¹swift steeds belonging to the royal stables, bred of the stud: 11 wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, with the little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey, 12 upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. 13 A copy of the writing² that the decree should be given out in every province was published unto all the peoples, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. 14 So the posts that rode upon swift steeds belonging to the royal stables, went out, being hastened and pressed ³on by the king's commandment; and the decree was given out at Shushan the palace. 15 And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a robe of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan shouted and was glad. 16 The Jews had light and gladness, and joy and honour. 17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had gladness and joy, a feast and a good day. And many from among the peoples of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews was fallen upon them.

¹ Or, *swift steeds, mules, and young dromedaries.*

² Or, *to be given out for a decree.*

³ Or, *at.*
See iii. 15.

IX. 1 Now in the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have rule over them; whereas it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them; 2 the Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them was fallen upon all the peoples. 3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the satraps, and the governors, and they that did the king's business, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai was fallen upon them. 4 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went forth throughout all the provinces: for the man Mordecai waxed greater and greater. 5 And the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter and destruction, and did what they would unto them that hated them. 6 And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. 7 And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, 8 and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, 9 and Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vaizatha, 10 the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Jews' enemy, slew they; but on the spoil they laid not their hand. 11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace was brought before the king. 12 And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces! now

what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be done. 13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shushan to do to morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows. 14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given out in Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons: 15 and the Jews that were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men in Shushan; but on the spoil they laid not their hand. 16 And the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of them that hated them seventy and five thousand; but on the spoil they laid not their hands. 17 *This was done* on the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. 18 But the Jews that were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. 19 Therefore do the Jews of the villages, that dwell in the unwall'd towns, make the fourteenth day of the month Adar *a day of* gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

20 And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both nigh and far, 21 to enjoin them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the

fifteenth day of the same, yearly, 22 as the days wherein the Jews had rest from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor. 23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them; 24 because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them; 25 but when ¹she came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he had devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head; so they hanged him and his sons on the gallows. 26 Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore because of all the words of this letter, and of what they had seen concerning this matter, and what had come unto them, 27 the Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to the writing thereof, and according to the appointed time thereof, every year; 28 and that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them ²perish from their seed. 29 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all ³authority to confirm this second letter of Purim. 30 And he sent letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred

¹ Or, *it*.

² Heb. *be ended*.

³ Heb. *strength*.

twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace and truth, 31 to confirm these days of Purim in their appointed times, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had ordained for themselves and for their seed, as to the matters of the fastings and their cry. 32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

- X. 1 And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea. 2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? 3 for Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren; seeking the good of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

EZRA.

[N. B.—It is proposed that the reading which follows the dash take the place of the one which precedes it.]

- I. 2 he hath—he himself hath
an—a
4 that is—which is (as at end of vs. 3.)
- II. 1 which—that (so vs. 59)
2 which—who (so vs. 61)
3 an—a (so in vss. 18, 21, 23, 27, 30, 41, 42.)
69 drams—darics.
pounds—manehs (as Ezek. xlv. 12)
- III. 1 were in the cities: and the—being in the cities, the
2 stood—rose
7 meat—food
9 together—as one man
10 Dele marg.³
12 Dele marg.⁴
- IV. 2 came—drew near (as ix. 1) .
yet—and (in marg. ⁵)
which—who
3 an—a
7 set forth in—translated into
13 endamage—be hurtful unto (as vs. 15.)
15 moved—made (as vs. 19.)
19 decreed—made a decree
20 which—who
22 be not slack—fail not
marg.² in text
23 main force—force and power
Dele marg.¹

- V. 3 make up—finish (so vs. 9)
 4 Dele marg.³
 5 came to Darius; and then they returned—should come to Darius,
 and they should then return
 6 which—who
 8 Judea—Judah
 12 because that—because (so vs. 13)
- VI. 3 Dele “strongly”
 4 row—course
 Dele marg.²
 6 which—who
 9 which—that (so vs. 21)
 17 an—a
 21 heathen—nations
- VII. 13 which—who (so vss. 25, 27)
 14 thine—thy (so vs. 25)
 22 an—a (four times)
 23 lest—why should ? (as iv. 22)
 24 singers—musicians
- VIII. 3 an—a (so vss. 10, 12, 26 *bis*)
 16 which—who
 31 river of Ahavah—river Ahavah (as vs. 21)
 35 which—that
- IX. 3 astonished—astonished (so vs. 4)
 4 sacrifice—oblation (so vs. 5)
 6 guiltiness is grown up—guilt is become great
 8 Dele “Or, *pin* :” in marg.¹
 11 unclean—impure
 uncleanness—impurity
 12 prosperity—welfare
 13 Dele marg.⁴
- X. 1 assembled—was assembled (see ix. 4)
 4 the matter belongeth unto thee—upon thee is the matter
 6 Dele marg.²
 10 stood—rose
 14 which—who
 17 wives—women (so vs. 41, and marg.⁴)
 22 Nethaneel—Nethanel

- X. 25 Izziah—Izzijah
 41 Azareel—Azarel
 44 taken—married
 marg.⁴ in text (substituting "*women*" for "*wives*")

NOTE.—In Num. i. 8; ii. 5; vii. 18, 23; x. 15; 1 Chron. ii. 14; xv. 24; xxiv. 6; xxvi. 4; 2 Chron. xvii. 7; xxxv. 9; Neh. xii. 21, 36, Nethaneel should in the same manner be changed to Nethanel. In 1 Chron. xii. 6; xxv. 18; xxvii. 22; Neh. xi. 13; xii. 36, Azareel should be changed to Azarel. If the same treatment were applied to Asareel (1 Chron. iv. 16;) and Bezaleel (*passim*) in addition to those which occur in Nehemiah, it is thought that consistency would be secured.

NEHEMIAH.

- I. 1 Dele marg.¹ Change marg.² to marg.¹
 castle—palace. Add marg.² Or, *castle*.
 2 which—who
 6 thine ear now—now thine ear (to avoid temporal sense)
 hear—hearken unto
 9 turn—return
- II. 8 let me through—let me pass through
 12 had put—put
- III. 1 Hananeel—Hananel (so ch. xii. 39; as Jer. xxxi. 38)
 4 Meshezabeel—Meshezabel (as x. 21; xi. 24)
- IV. 4 to spoil—for a spoil (less ambiguous)
 12 which—who (so vs. 14)
 16 Dele “both”
 17 which—that
 23 Dele marg.³
- V. 2 corn—grain (so vss. 3, 10, 11)
 8 which—who
 heathen—nations (so vs. 9)
 17 an—a
 Dele marg.⁵
- VI. 10 Mehetabel. Conform Gen. xxxvi. 39.
 heathen—nations
- VII. 5 mine—my
 which—that (so vs. 61)
 8 an—a (so vss. 24, 26, 27, 31, 32, 44, 45)
 63 which—who

VIII. 4 stood him—him stood

Malchiah--Malchijah (so xi. 12; xii. 42, as in iii. 11, etc. Conform 1 Chr. vi. 40; Jer. xxi. 1; xxxviii. 1)

7 Hodiah—Hodijah (so ch. x. 9, 13, 18)

9 which—who

14 how that—how

IX. 12 by the night—by night

17 Dele marg.²

19 shew—give (as in vs. 12)

21 wilderness, that they lacked nothing;—wilderness; they lacked nothing:

23 marg.² in text

25 fenced—fortified

30 forbear—bear with

31 gracious and merciful God—gracious God and full of compassion
(see vs. 17)

X. 26 Ahiah—Ahijah (so *passim*)

29 the LORD our Lord—Jehovah our Lord

31 ware—wares (so ch. xiii. 16, 20)
forgo—forego

XI. 4 Mahalalel. Conform Gen. v. 12, 13, 15, 16, 17; 1 Chr. i. 2.

11 house,—house

14 an—a (so vs. 19)

25 at J. and in the—in J. and the

XII. 8 which—who

ESTHER.

- I. 1 which—who (so vss. 13, 14, 18)
 an—a
 10 eunuchs—¹chamberlains marg.¹ Or, *eunuchs*.
 11 people—peoples
 12 eunuchs—chamberlains (so vs. 15)
 15 First clause: read “What according to law shall be done unto etc.”
 16 answered—said
 17 come—go
 18 Dele marg.¹
 20 published—heard
- II. 3 Dele marg.⁴
 4 which—that (so vs. 21)
 6 captivity which had been—captives that were
 had carried—carried
 9 which—who (so vs. 14)
 meet—chosen
 10 showed—told of (so vs. 20; to avoid ambiguity)
 13 marg.¹ in text
 14 again into the house—into the second house (as A. V.)
 and that—and
 22 shewed—told
 told—spake to (as iv. 10)
 23 tree—¹gallows marg.¹ Heb. *tree*.
- III. 3 which—that
 6 shewed him—told him of
 8 therefore—and
 marg.¹ in text
 12 rulers—princes
 by posts—by the posts
 14 marg.⁴ in text
 15 marg.⁵ in text

- IV. 11 such—those
 12 Dele “to”
- V. 1 gate—entrance
 3 What wilt thou—What wouldst thou (as Jud. i. 14)
 12 Dele “did”
 14 Dele “of”
- VI. 2 which—that
 9 withal—therewith
- VII. 4 marg.¹ *recompensed—made compensation for*
 Dele “or, *for our*, etc.”
- VIII. 6 or how—yea, how
 8 Write ye also to—And do ye write concerning
 marg.¹ Or, *to*.
 liketh—seemeth good to (or, pleaseth, as in Deut. xxiii. 16 Am.
 iv. 5)
 9 rulers—princes
 an—a
- IX. 10 enemy—enemy,

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